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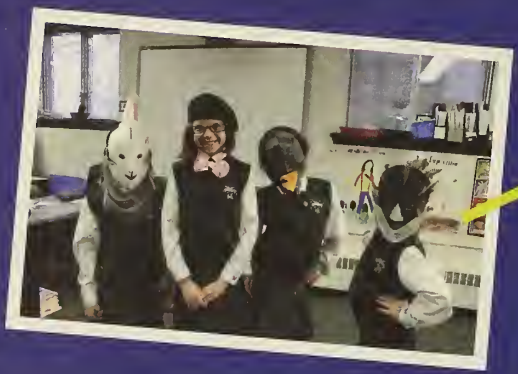

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Messages

Head of School
Joanne Kamins

Another terrific year has passed and along with that, a year of learning, fun and great friendships. I hope you enjoy remembering this eventful year while turning the pages of this yearbook today and later reminiscing about your time here when you come back to it in the years to come. To the graduates leaving Balmoral Hall School, we extend to you our best wishes. I hope you will continue to show that special BH School Spirit and encourage your friends to do their best and be their best. I hope you will continue to play on the teams, dance on the stage, sing in the choir, debate, lead or just lend a hand when it is needed. Good luck to all.

I wish you success in all of your future endeavours.

Girls, Run The World!

Run The World, Girls

Congratulations to the yearbook staff for reflecting the 2011-2012 school year so beautifully. The yearbook represents days in the lives of our students; the events, the memories, the accomplishments and achievements.

To our graduates, our school leaders, we say not good bye, but farewell. We hope you will maintain your relationship with BH as you move onward and upwards—seeking better things. You are well prepared to indeed, run the world, girls! You are empowered, inspiring young women who will continue to pursue excellence in all areas of your life. You have demonstrated a strong self image, respect for self and others, the judgment to conduct yourself responsibly, and the ability to attain great educational achievements.

You have the power, ability and knowledge to become anyone you want—an astronant, ambassador or doctor and nothing will stand in your way.

So girls, go out and run your world!

Judith Steek

Principal of Middle School, Tracy White
Principal of Senior School, Lois McGill-Horn
Principal of Junior School, Judith Steek
Vice Principal of Middle/Senior, Jodi Hafenbrak

In a year that saw Saudi Arabia give women the right to vote and women's rights activists win the Nobel Peace Prize, "Run The World" was a fitting theme for the Prefects to have chosen for the 2011/2012 school year. BH students embraced the theme and clearly demonstrated their desire to run the world with accomplishments in debating, academics, sports, and the Arts and through the kindness and compassion displayed in service to our local and global community. Our first graduating class, 110 years ago, only dreamed of achieving the accomplishments our grads are fulfilling today. Isn't it wonderful that we have the opportunity to learn and work together in a building steeped in history and tradition?

In the words of Albert Einstein, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

Congratulations to all our students and best of luck to the graduating class of 2012.

All the best, Tracy White, Jodi Hafenbrak and Lois McGill Horn

Chair of the Board of Governors, Jim Perchaluk

Congratulations to everyone in the Balmoral Hall School family on another great year! Yearbooks are special because they keep getting better with age. Years from now, when you stumble across this book again and take a moment to flip through the pages, you'll be surprised at just how young you really were, how much fashion has changed, how many great friends you made, and you'll remember your favourite things about the school and about this time in your life. On behalf of the Balmoral Hall School Board of Governors I wish you all the best in your future.
Kindest regards, Jim Perchaluk

President of the Parent Association, Tracey Leipsic

The Balmoral Hall Parent Association wishes to congratulate everyone on a tremendous year! Whether you are a graduate in Grade 12 or a ChildCare 2 year old, this year has been FULL of exciting memories, heartfell laughter and phenomenal growth. The BHPA is made up of loving and supportive parents, friends and grandparents of our BH ladies and we are so proud of each and of every one of you.
Through its very special teachers and staff, as well as the friendships you have made, Balmoral Hall has given you strength, courage and the ability to believe in yourselves. The BHPA has been happy to support our BH Family and we hope to share more great memories in the years to come. Enjoy each day with friends, family, love and laughter!
Tracey Leipsic

President of the Alumnae Association, Maria Reimer

To the Class of 2012, Welcome to the Alumnae Association!
Graduation from Balmoral Hall School is an important milestone in your future endeavours. Congratulations!
Be proud of your achievements to date but more importantly, continue to set yourself lofty goals and ambitions. The network of women who form the Alumnae Association will be here to support you as you prepare for post-secondary education and future careers.
Whether your future plans take you far abroad or close to home, please stay in touch and continue to share your talents and expertise with the BH Family.
As most of you know, this year Balmoral Hall School was glad to welcome Genevieve Cloutier BH '03, B. Comm (Hons) as our full time Alumnae Relations Coordinator. In addition to reconnecting with alumnae, Genevieve will play an active role in keeping in touch with you, our newest alumnae. We wish you luck and look forward to hearing from you. Keep in touch with Genevieve at (204) 784-1616 or gcloutier@balmoralhall.net .
Maria Reimer '95, B.A.(Hons), LL.B , President, Alumnae Association

Head Girl
Ashley Buckle

Hello Everyone,
Whether you are a fellow grad, a teacher or a girl in green plaid, you have all in one way or another inspired me, helped me and most importantly, laughed with me. From that time I dropped my phone from the third floor to singing along with you in Beauty and the Beast, I honestly have appreciated each and every one of you. Don't take your BH life for granted, because there will be a time when you will love being at BH so much that you will never want to leave. My experience as Head Girl and my final year at Balmoral Hall was absolutely phenomenal, and it was all because of you. Running your own world isn't easy, trust me; it takes a while to find out what your true passions are. Whether it was joining a club, sports team or participating in the smallest of activities, I thank you for finding a way to stand up and run your world this year.

Love, Ashley Buckle

School Captain
Katrina Barkwell

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Reese Precourt, Kristin Smith
Missing: Emily Sikora, Maya Schwartz

MS Yearbook Prefect
Sono Makino

Yearbook Prefect
Simran Theathi

Hello Everyone,
After thirteen years at BH, I am glad I was able to spend my final year with all of you. It has been a fantastic journey. I think I can speak for everyone when I say that this was an unforgettable year. I would like to thank Mrs. McDonald for all her help and patience with us and thank you to my fellow committee members for their dedication and hard work. Creating the yearbook was not an easy task, but with this committee by my side, we had so much fun doing so. I don't think I'll ever be able to say goodbye to this school or my graduating class, but I'd like to say that you all mean the world to me. It's unlikely that I'll ever make friends like you again and wish you all the best!
Yours, Simran

STAFF

Emily Sikora

Staff

"I like things to happen; and if they don't happen, I like to make them happen." Winston Churchill

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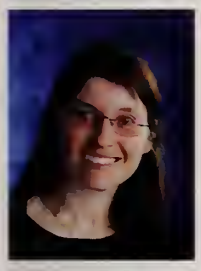
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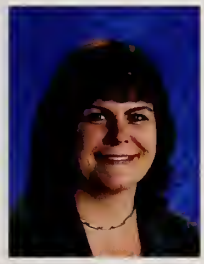
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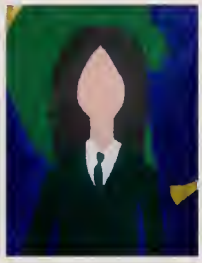
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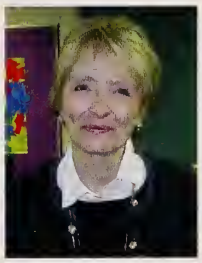
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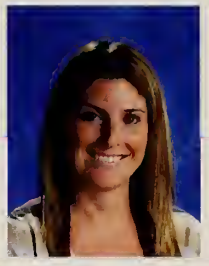
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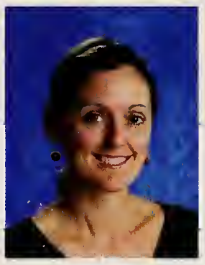
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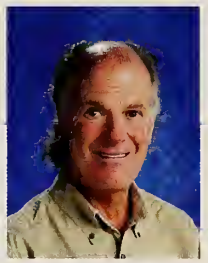
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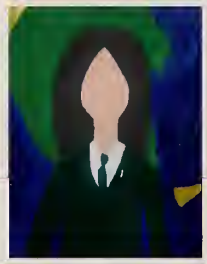
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Sarah Simm

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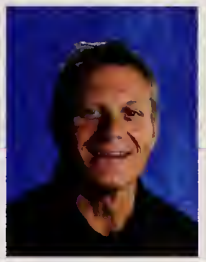
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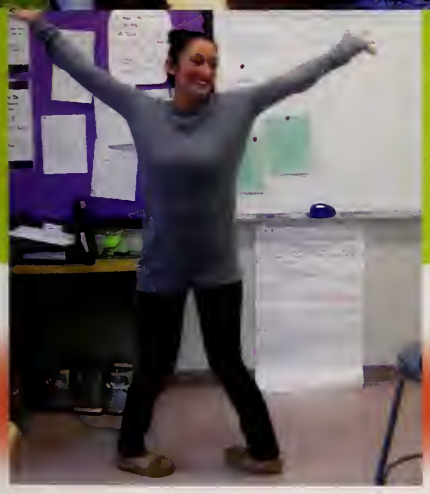

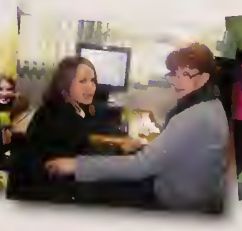

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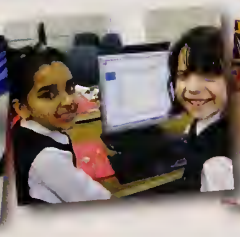

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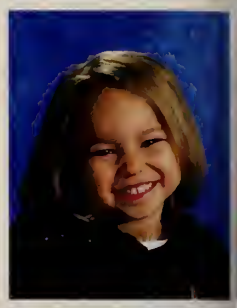
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Amrit Toor

Johanna Tran

Mzoon Al Salmi

Jakiah Curle

Sonia Loewen

Isla McNicol

Matheson Pachal-Stewart

Maélia Primeau

Payton Procter

Janna Soronow

Emily Sprague

Diana Vakilha

Bianca Visser

Sasha Wang

Cassidy White

Nursery

Pictured Left: Chloe Dias, Isabella Toupin Mulvihill, Amelie DuBois, Alexis Gareau, Margaret McMillan, Uma Kotecha, Brooklynn Overton, Sophie Marion

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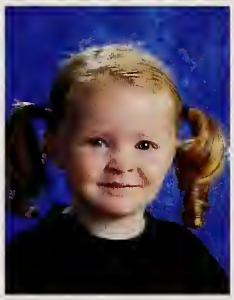

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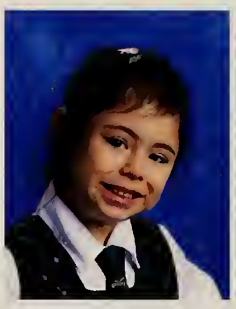
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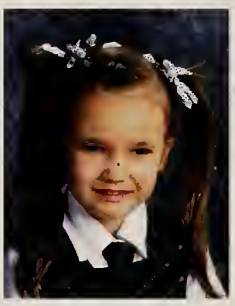
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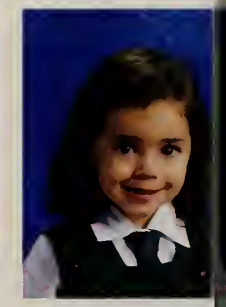
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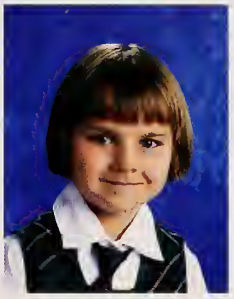
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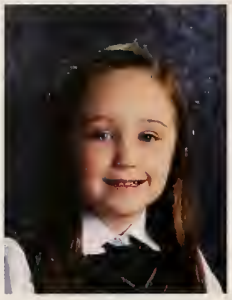
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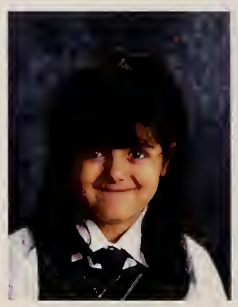
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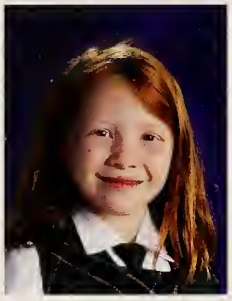
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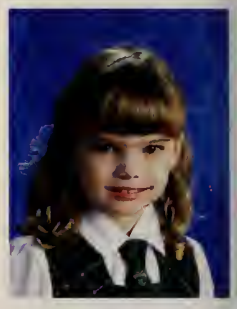
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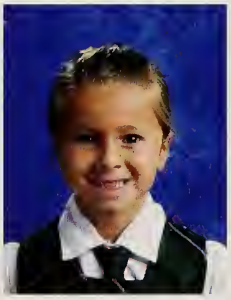
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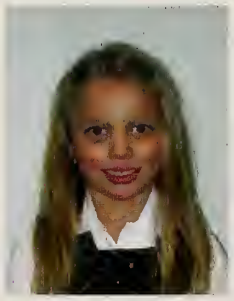
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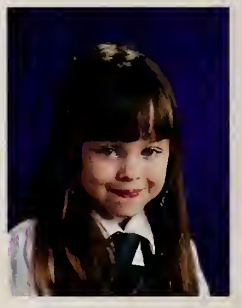
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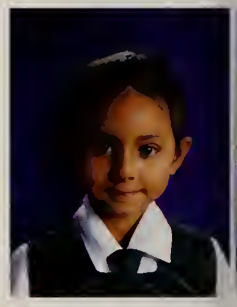
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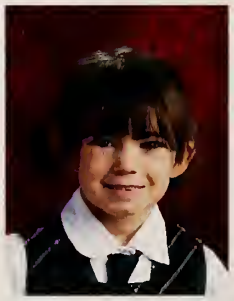
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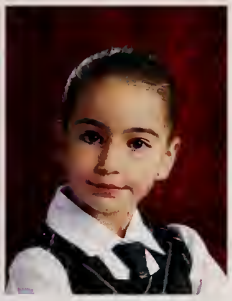
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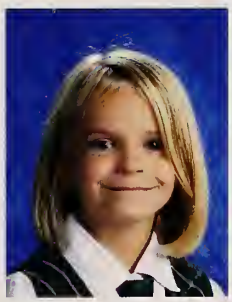
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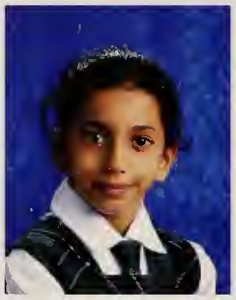
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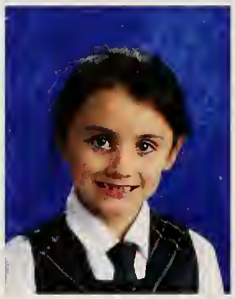
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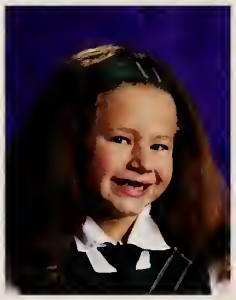
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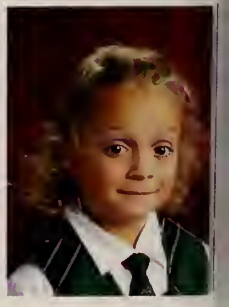
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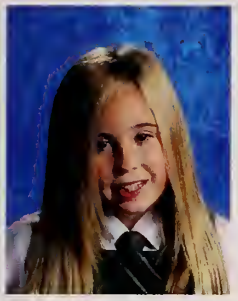

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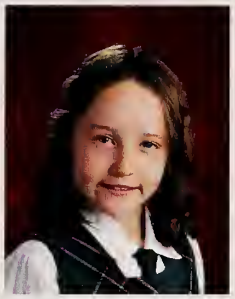

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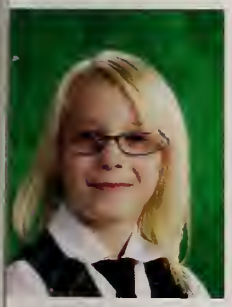

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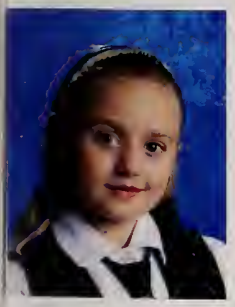

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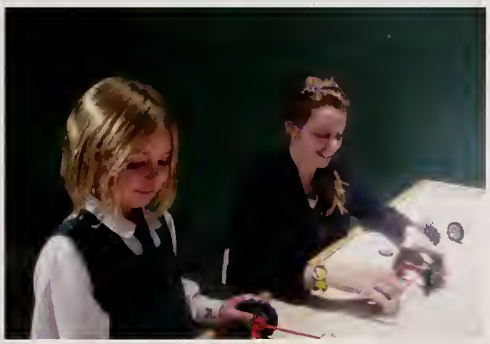

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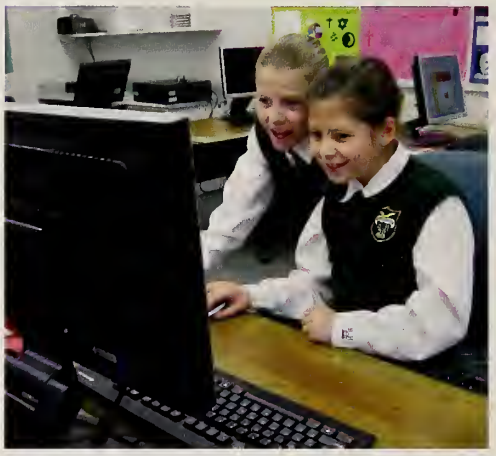

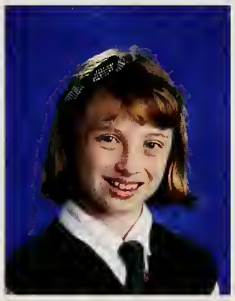
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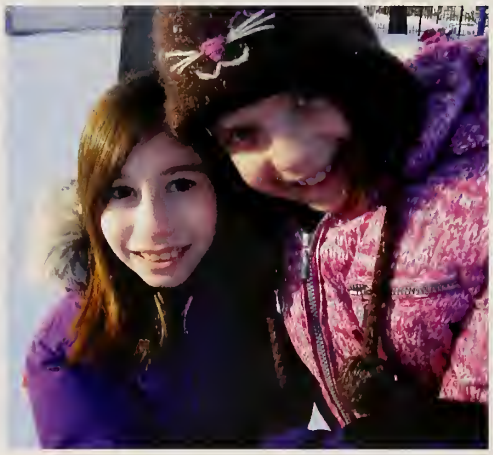

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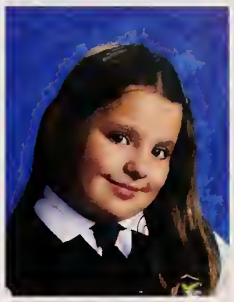
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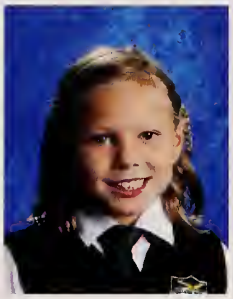
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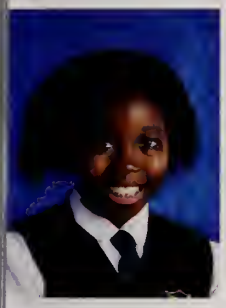
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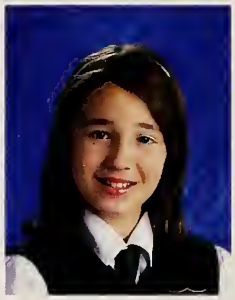
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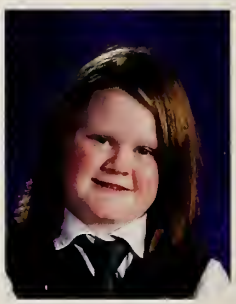
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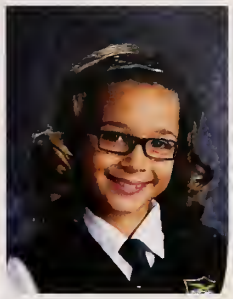
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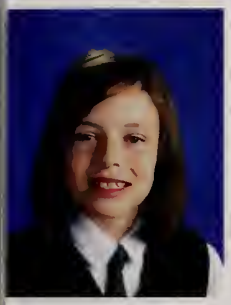
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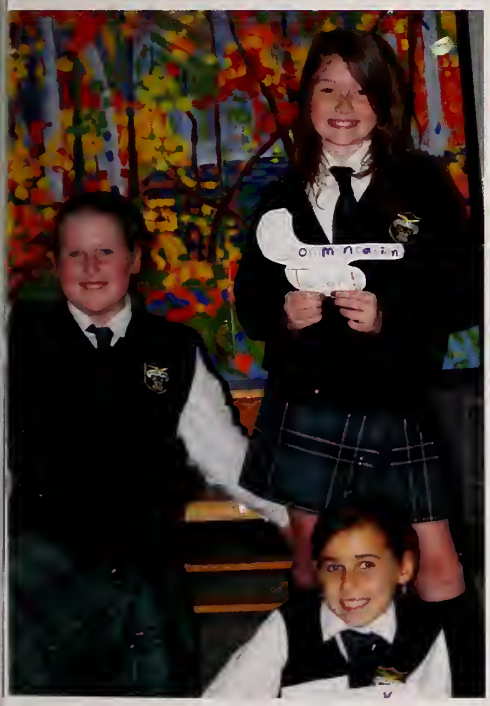

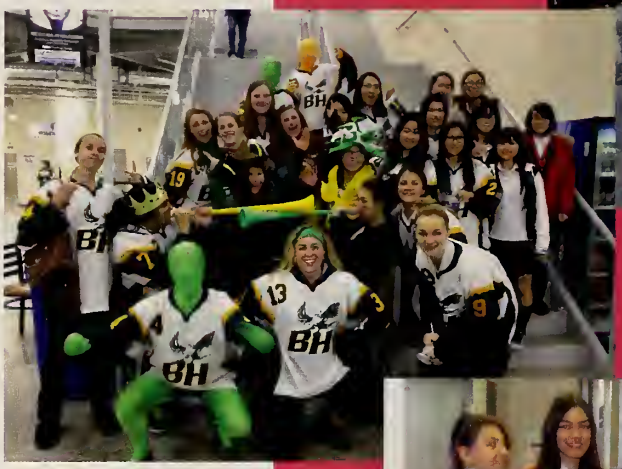

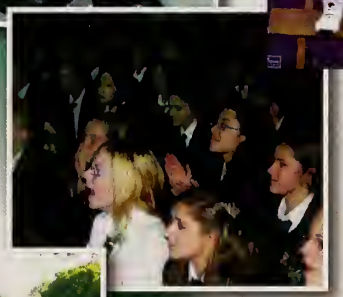

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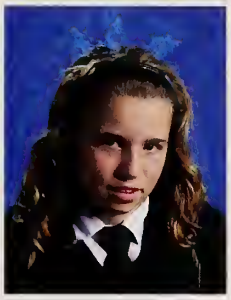
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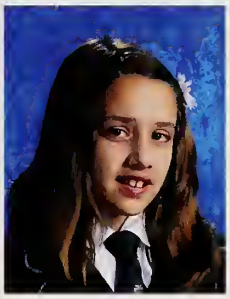
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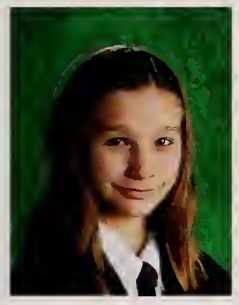
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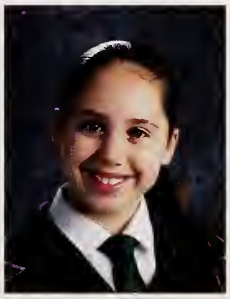
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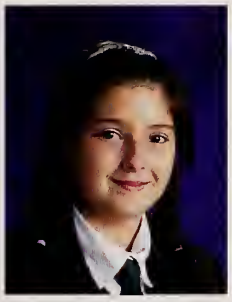
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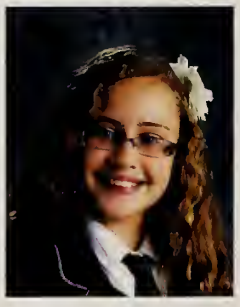
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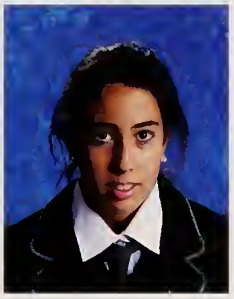
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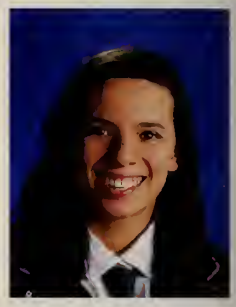
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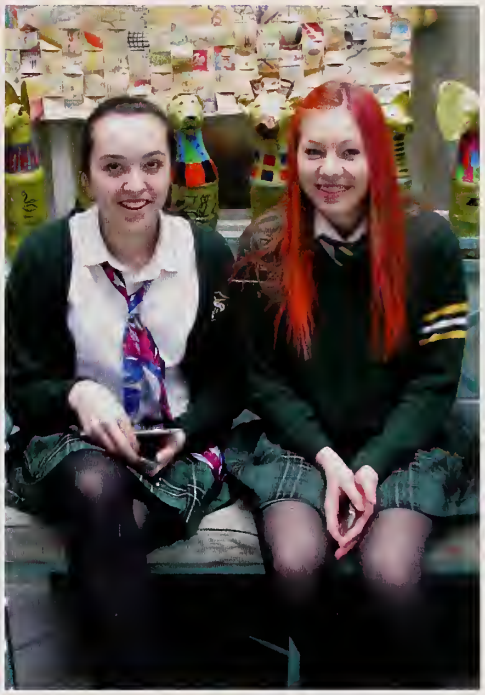

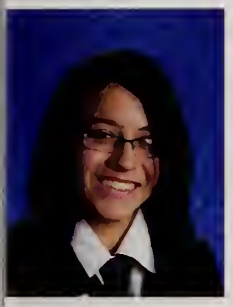

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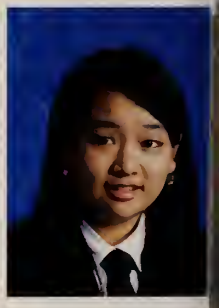
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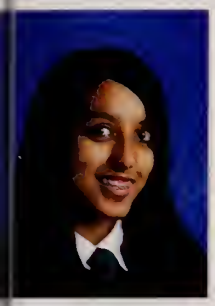
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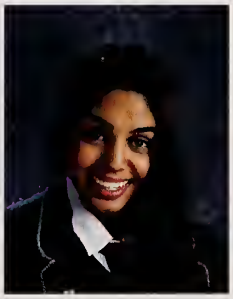
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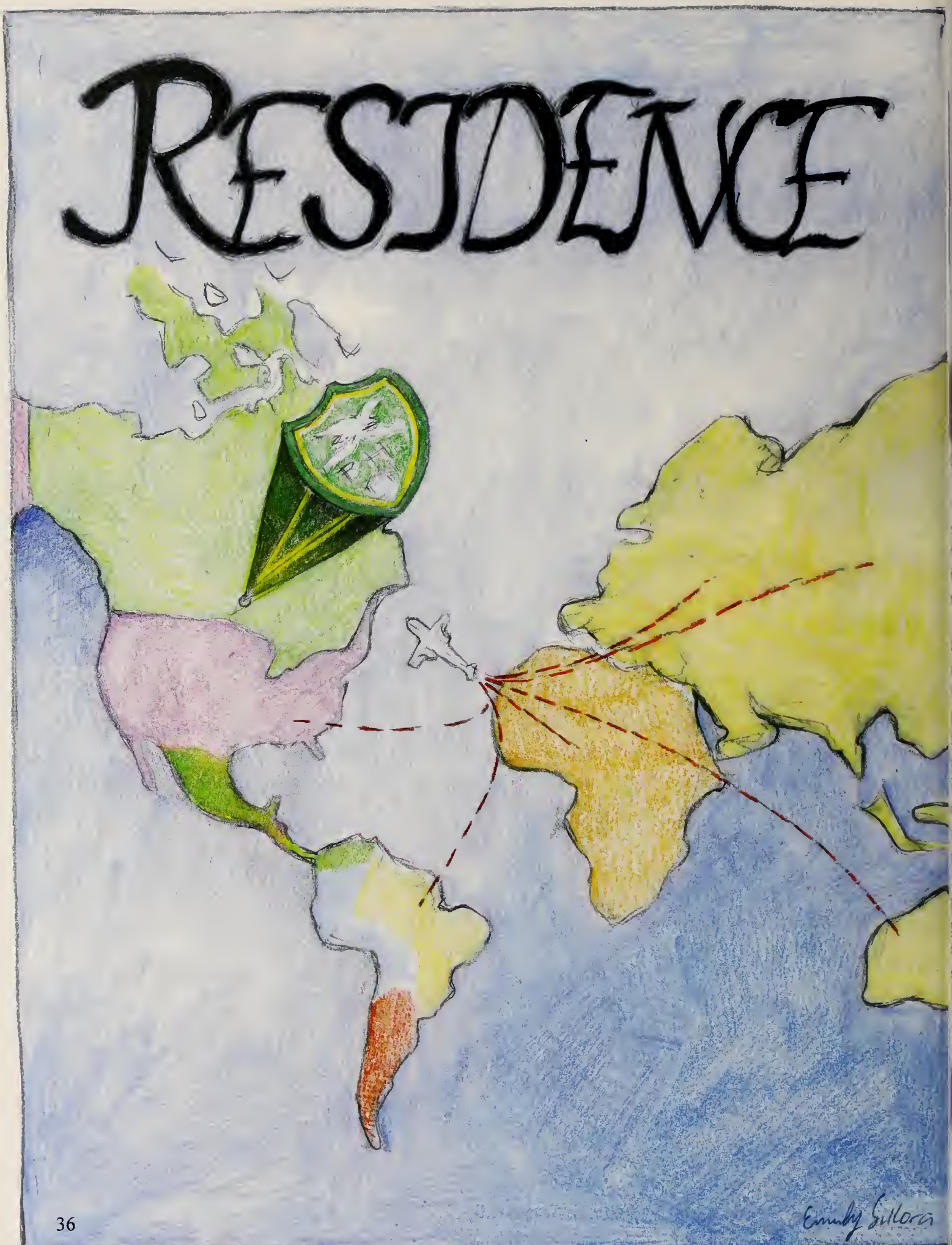


Residence

Residence Prefect Sophia Cho

I cannot believe how fast the time has gone by! The bittersweet moment that everyone has to say goodbye has almost come. In my last year at BH, I was fortunate enough to be elected as the Residence Prefect which has been my dream since I joined the BH community. I have really enjoyed this year; we had lots of fun and made tremendous, precious memories. My goal for this year has always been making it the best for everyone. I cannot say that I have accomplished the goal, but I certainly can say that EVERYONE has made my last year THE BEST! Thus, I want to thank all the rezzies and everyone who has supported and cared for us. I will never forget all the rezzies and the fun time we had. You cannot imagine how much I will miss you all, but I think it is time to say goodbye. I love you and wish you all the best of luck in the future!

Love,
Sophia Cho

Director of Residence Beverlee Cooke

Living in Winnipeg allows you to experience every season. This also explains what it's like to live in Residence. Summer,Winter,Spring and Fall; we've experienced each season to the fullest, even the storms. The best part about REZ is that we will always have a lifetime of memories and best friends from around the globe. Students have grown in many ways, maturing day by day while maintaining excellent grades. One thing to remember is to respect yourself and those around you. Focus on your goals, and don't let anything stop you; don't let your dreams die; don't let your friends distract you on the journey. Be excellent, be the person who has boundaries, be the person who loves, be the positive person in the room, be YOU. Working in Residence for four years has been a pleasure, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your family!

Rez Life

Carlota Mertz, Regina De Palacio, and Maria Jose had fun at Disney On Ice

The Rez girls had a wonderful dinner before the winter break

The girls enjoyed riding bikes at the Forks

Girls got together for a bonfire

Apple Fong and Wendy Kim learned how to knit in knitting club

All the rezzies cooked with the gappers to celebrate Australia Day

Jessica Lu, Anny Hsu, Annie Luo and Jancy Wu checked out the flowers at the conservatory

The Rez girls made spaghetti and meatballs with Mrs. Sheps and Ms. Agius

Anny Hsu, Kristen St. John, Teresa Huang, Sophia Cho and Jessica Lu had a goodbye dinner with Lily Gardiner

The rezzies had so much fun singing Karaoke

Daisy Zhang, Iris Liu, and Lia Zhuang loved the horses on their Wagon Ride

All the rez girls found many eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt

Rezzies took silly pictures at the full rez dinner

Olivia Hwang and Jessica Lu played in the snow in the backyard

The Rez girls loved to watch BH hockey games

Jessica Lu and Olivia Hwang played on the swings in the backyard

Bel Freeman, Helen Yu, Apple Fong, and Wendy Kim skated at the Forks

All the girls enjoyed arranging the flowers and did a great job

Multicultural Assembly

The girls from Hong Kong sang a Cantonese song

The Chinese girls sang a Chinese song and wore their traditional clothes

The Mexicans presented a PowerPoint about their lifestyle in Mexico

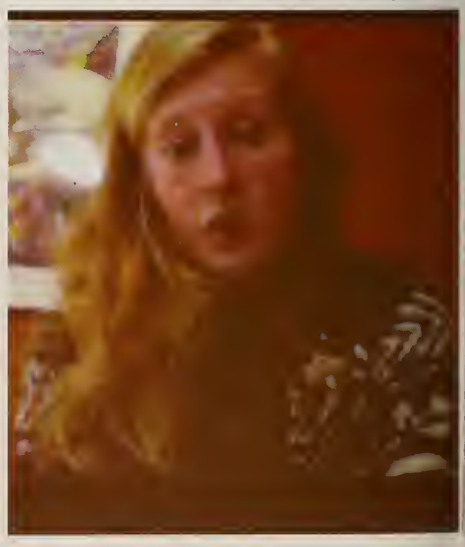
The Australians taught everyone how to dance to their song

Daisy Zhang, Annie Luo, Lia Zhuang, Iris Liu and Jancy Wu were the girls from China

Regina De Palacio, Maria Jose, Carlota Mertz, Victoria Rodriguez wore clothes that were painted as the Mexican Flag

Resego Biotumelo, from Botswana, made a video to show her African culture

Kea Kleihauer who came from Germany made a video about her country



The Multicultural Assembly was on International Women's Day. All the residence girls prepared performances and presented to all the full school to show them their culture and lifestyle. It's really important since BH is a multicultural all girls' school and we have girls from other countries attending our school.
This year, we had girls from Australia, Botswana, Canada, China, Germany, Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan who did a fantastic job and performed well in the Multicultural Assembly.
They sang, danced, and presented PowerPoint and videos. All the students enjoyed it a lot and learned a lot more about other countries' culture.
By Anny Hsu and Kady Huang

Rez Girls Run the World

Wendy Kim and Sophia Cho sang a Korean love song called First Love

The Taiwanese danced to a song from a singer of their home country

Taylor Woods presented the Canadians in a video and showed it to everyone

The residence prefect, Sophia Cho, was the host of the assembly

Shawnee Brennan, Bel Freeman, and Gabriella Conti put an Australian Flag over themselves to show their spirit

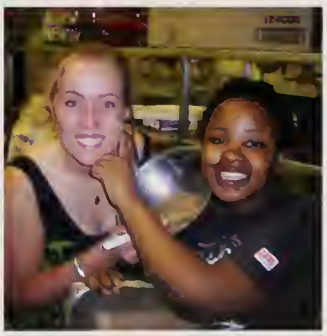
Helen Yu and Apple Fong were the girls from Hong Kong

Anny Hsu, Jessica Lu, Vivien Chen, Teresa Huang, and Kady Huang wore their dance costumes

Sophia Cho, Brielle Kim, Wendy Kim, and Olivia Hwang were the girls from Korea who sang beautifully

Kristen St. John, Courtney Masson, Meghan Hatcher and Taylor Woods showed their Canadian culture through a video

Rez Candids



BH
Junior Kindergarten
Nursery
Grade 1
Grade 5
Grade 2
Grade 4
Grade 3
Kindergarten
Child Care
Junior School!

Grade 5 Messages

"Making snowmen out of socks with Mulvey school was my favorite memory"

"In Grade 4 we had freestyle dance groups. Our group did Masquerade tango. It was awesome."

"I liked having the Tea Ceremony! We had tea and a treat while we listened to people talk about their book or read their writing."

"I loved sports day! I also enjoyed the grade 5 celebration dinner and seeing everyone's dress."

"My favorite memory in junior school was the grade five celebration dinner! It was fun because I got to have dinner with all of my friends."

"In kindergarten, we all went out of our play stations and danced to music on Hot 103. I was in a poofy dress at the dress up station!"

"My favorite part of junior school was doing the Notable Women project. It was fun researching about their lives and acting out what we've learned. Thanks for the best ever!"

"My favourite memory would have to be the Grade 5 Exhibition, even if it was hard getting everyones ideas in."

"My favourite memory in junior school was Sports Day and track meets."

"Every step of the way I had friends who were there to support me"

"I remember the day when we were all so happy to go to french class, because it was crepe day!"

"My favourite memory of junior school was my first day here. When I walked in I felt accepted as an individual and part of a special community."

"I love all of the teachers in junior school. They are all so kind! We are all eager to start middle school, but want to take the teachers with us."

"The junior school teachers are awesome! I think we've all asked a teacher to teach us again in middle school"

"My favourite memories are the reading buddies, the PYP exhibition, Sports Day and the grade 5 celebration. I will really miss Junior School."

"My favourite memory was in Kindergarten when "Santa" came to our room and he gave us little presents."

"I will miss recess and all the fun we had playing tag and going in the back playground. I wish I could do that again next year. I will miss junior school very much."

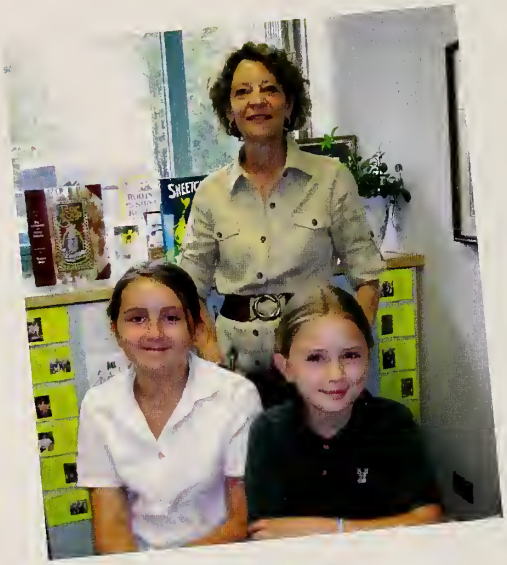
"It was so much fun in grade 3 when the Maple buddies came. I still remember my buddy's name!"

Junior School Events

Notable Woman

Election Day

Global Trek



Principal for the Day
Gabriella and Caelen Nowicki

Music Portfolios

Original Instruments

Peter Mansbridge

JK Guest Reader

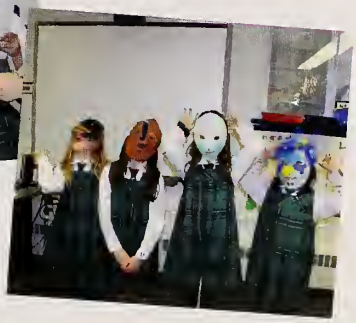
Junior Kindergarten
NASA Astronauts

Interhouse

Group of Seven

Mitten Tree

Festival du Voyageur

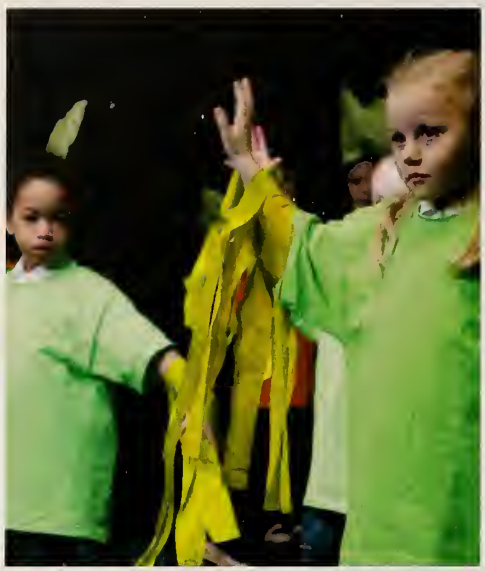


French Plays

Reading Buddies

Playhouse Grand Opening

Little Mermaid



Kindergarteners represented seaweed and undersea fish

The seahorses galloped around the stage

This year, Junior School was pleased to showcase their talents in their production of The Little Mermaid. All grades participated, including the child care and nursery programs. The production took place on the 15th and the 16th but the girls were working hard for months in advance. Certain grade 5s were given additional roles. Victoria Stefanson and Mia Battad shared the role of the little mermaid. Each grade had their own dance and all of them were amazing!
By: Meredith Chiu

The grade 4 sea witches stirred up some trouble

Junior kindergarten jellyfish were electrifying

Grandparents Day

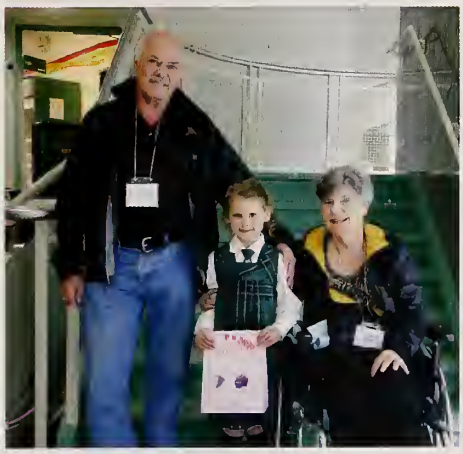
Girls of all ages put on another fantastic show for the grandparents. The day began with dance performances from junior school which highlighted their talents and excellent stage presence. Choirs from the junior, middle, and senior school delighted the audience with classical songs such as "The Scarecrow" and "Frobisher's Bay". They were also entertained with a lively rendition of "Penny Lane." After some delicious refreshments, the grandparents were given the opportunity to visit their grandchildren's classes and learn a little something in the process! We hope that next year's event will be as successful as this years was. By Josie Feltham

The grandparents thoroughly enjoyed the grade 1 to 3 choir

Grade 1s gave the grandparents a delightful ballet performance

Grade 2s performed a piece from their production "Little Mermaid'

Grade 3s swept the grandparents off their feet with their dance skills



Brooke De Pencier shared a craft with her grandparents

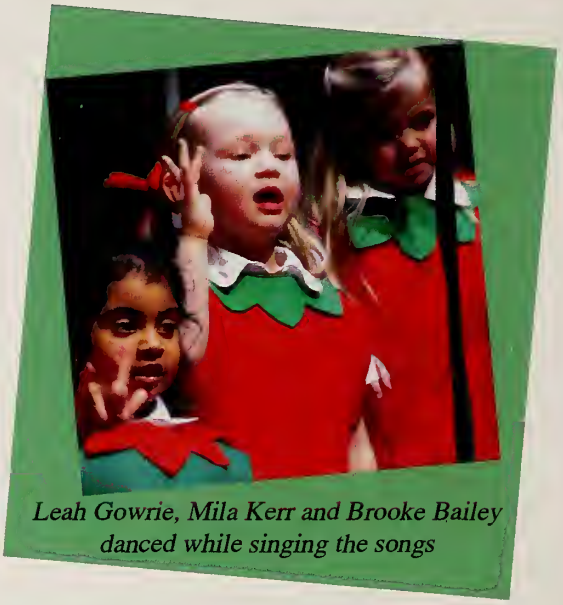
The bell choir rang up applause

Junior School Holiday Concert

All the junior kindergarten girls wore costumes that were green and red, representing the colours of Christmas
They prepared many songs to perform at the holiday concert for their family and friends

The junior school kids enjoyed playing drums at the concert

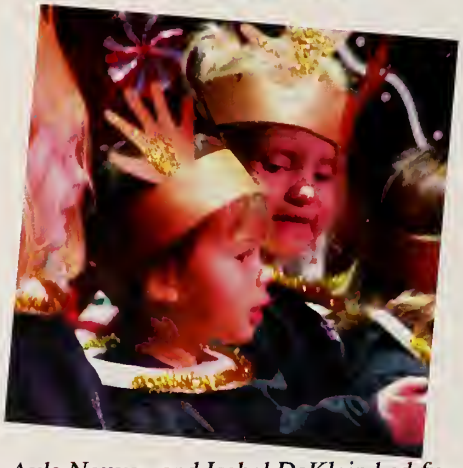
Anais Isford, Samantha McDonald and Scotia Fullerton-Collison were the hosts of the concert



Leah Gowrie, Mila Kerr and Brooke Bailey danced while singing the songs

Everyone wore snowman hats and waited for the performance

All the kids lined up, ready to perform their songs



Ayla Nguyen and Isabel DeKlein had fun while they performed

The teachers guided the dance for kids during their performance

Madeleine Moore dressed up as a deer and danced with candy canes

Choir and Bell Club

The grade 4/5 choir performed One Small Voice at the Doll Assembly

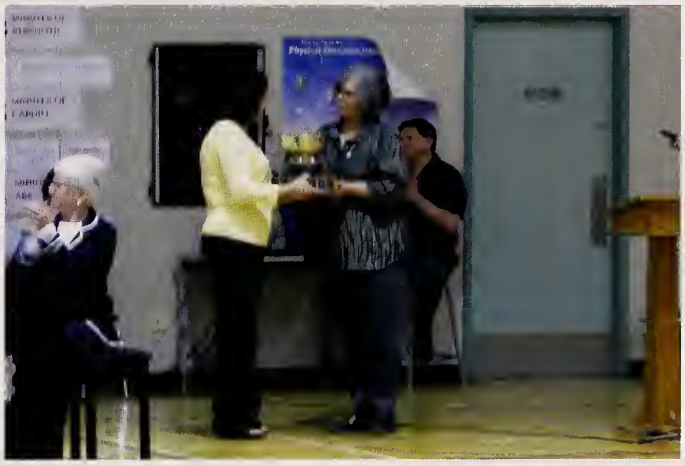
The grade 4/5 Bell Club played for guests at the Retirement Tea for Mrs. Kowalec, Mrs. Friesen and Mrs. Zimmer

WINNIPEG MUSIC FESTIVAL

Grade 1-3 Choir ..... Silver
Grade 4/5 Choir..... Gold (*)

Based on their performance, the Grade 4/5 Choir was selected most outstanding performance by a school chorus, own choice, in the Grades 4-6 category and was the recipient of the Anne Tate Memorial Trophy.

The grade 4/5 choir performed at the Winnipeg Music Festival



Mrs. Doerksen was presented the Anne Tate Memorial Trophy

The grade 1-3 choir performed on Grandparents Day

Sports Day

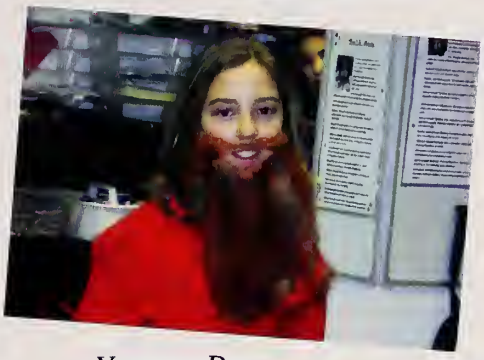
Mufti

Yahoo Barbeque

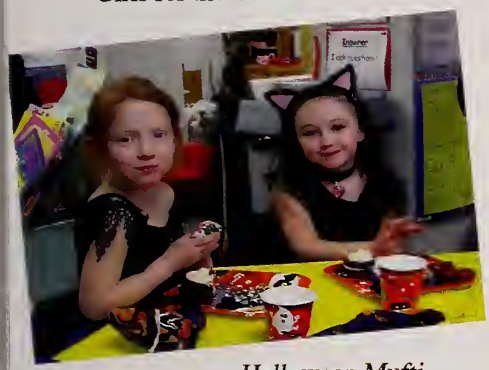
International Women's Day

Halloween Mufti

Girls for the Cure



Voyageur Day



Halloween Mufti

Girls for the Cure

Multicultural Day

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Yahoo Barbeque

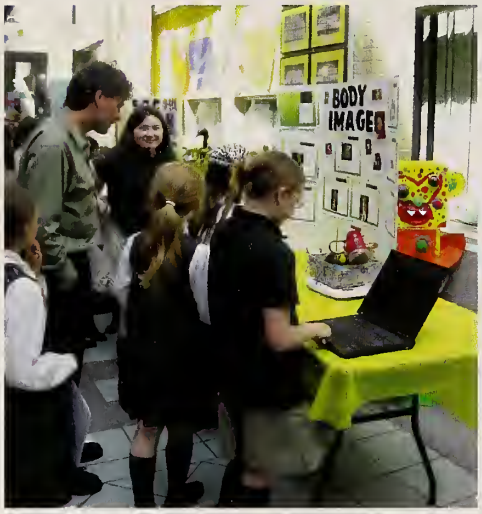
Valentine's Day

Halloween Mufti

PYP Exhibition

Eliana Rodrigues, Avery Fletcher and Camryn Gauthier researched Womans Rights

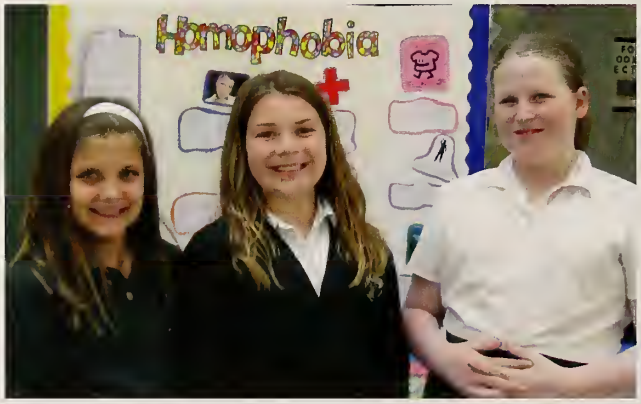
Eve Hastings Van, Amara Petker, Emily Allen and Emma Joyal discussed disabilities



Mr Zimmerman and students were educated on Body Image

The Girls of Balmoral Hall did an indepth-study of several topics related to discrimination and how we can address the issue. They presented their topic to their peers and parents in an exhibition appropriately entitled, "Speak Up!"

BH Students learned about Ageism



Kathryn Lyon, Kate Hokanson, and Scotia Fullerton-Collison presented on Homophobia

Mia Battad, Kaylyn Zacharkiw and Jessica Sui explored Socio-Economics

Grade 5 Celebration

Sam McDonald and Kathryn Lyon stuck together at the celebration

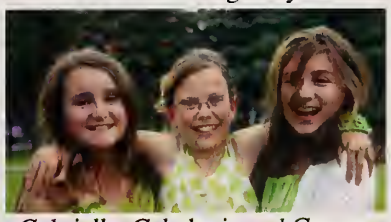
Mia Battad, Mikayla McLeod and Kaylyn Zacharkiw

Blue was the new black at the celebration

The girls were pretty in pink

A group jumped for joy for the end of a great year

The grade 5s enjoyed doing the Spirit Train across the field



Gabriella, Caledonia and Camryn enjoyed spending time together

The girls all enjoyed a lovely dinner

Middle Senior

Middle School Message

Middle School Head Girl
Alex Chubaty-Boychuk

Hey Middle School Sisters!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

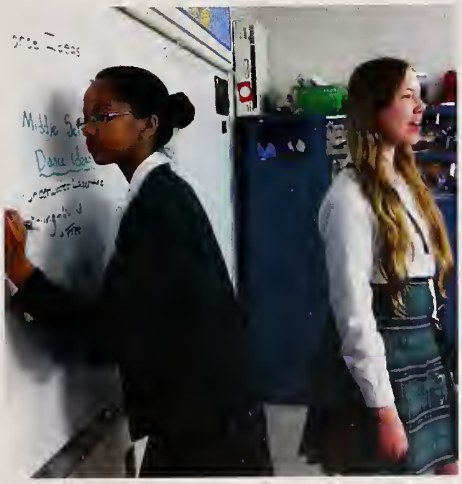
We all had the chance to "Run the World" this year, whether it was during the TWO BH Middle School dances, grade eight science fair, grade six heritage fair, Minneapolis, Yurt Camp, Camp Arnes, Twinderella, Run for the Cure or any of the other countless Middle School activities this year! We're really going to miss all of you wonderful Middle Schoolers when we move ahead to senior school, but good luck to next year's prefects! You girls will be fantastic! Thank you Mrs. White and Mrs. Sheps for supporting our decisions and letting things happen, and thanks to the Senior School prefects: you guys were inspirational role-models; good luck after graduation! Thank you to the student body for electing us, and thanks to Student Council! Your brilliant ideas made these events possible!

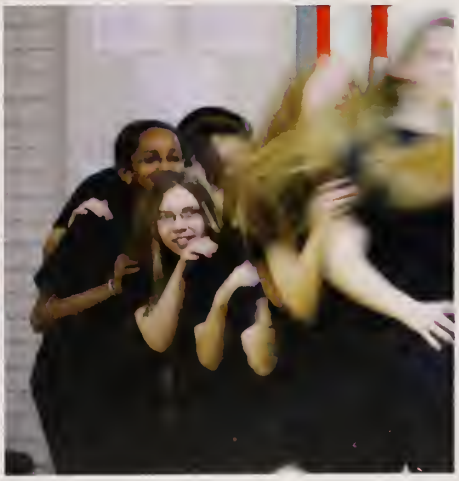
We just wanted to take this time to say to all of Middle School...

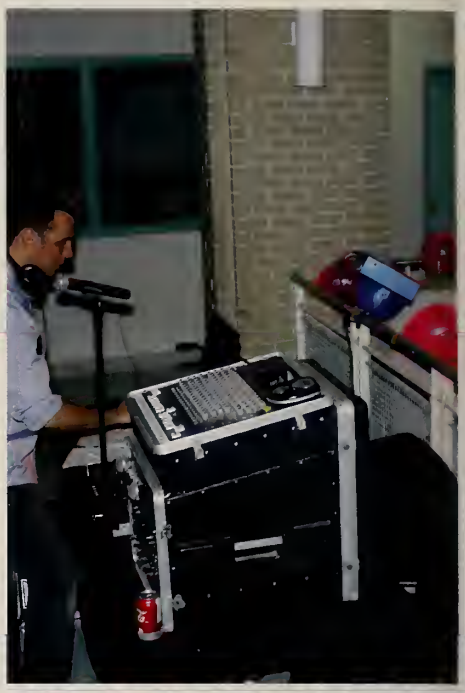
WE LUV YOU GUYS!!! XOXO

Alex and Sara

Middle School Captain
Sara Ali







The DJ kept the party going all night

Lia Loewen, Olivia Keane and Julia Johnson grabbed a treat between songs

Grade 7 girls took a break from the dance floor

Chloe Balog, Cady Pavagadhi, Coral Johnson and Grace Perchaluk enjoyed the dance

Fiesta Time
Senior Dance

Natasha Comeau and Morgan Rathwell hung out with Ms. Kirk during the night

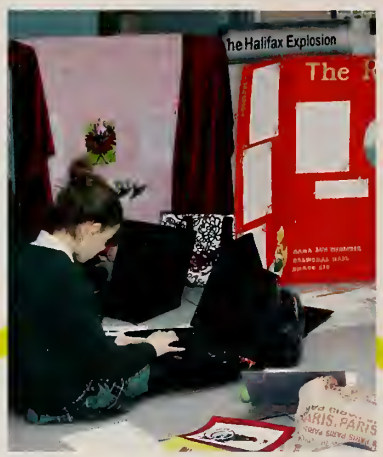
Students enjoyed the music that was played

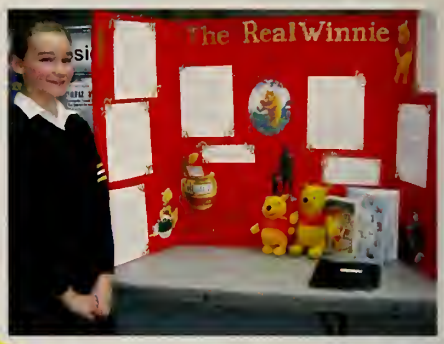
Bryn Koehn and Anna Evans-Boudreau picked a fight with the cacti

A few Japanese students got into the fiesta spirit

Heritage Fair

Sarah Kowall told the story of The Battle of Vimy Ridge

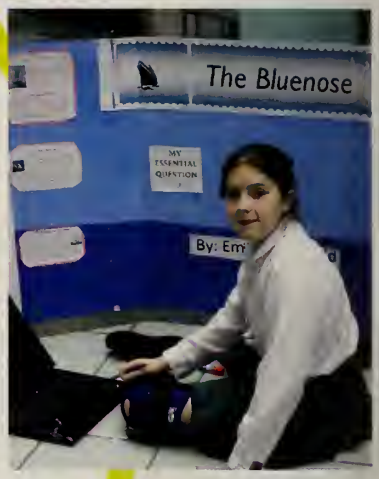




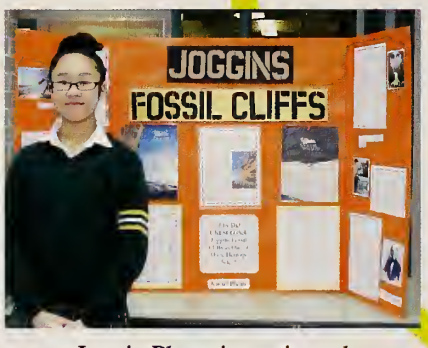
Sara Christie relived her childhood researching The Real Winnie

Megan Hatcher worked diligently on her project

The grade 6 Heritage Fair was a fun process. Over three months, we acquired knowledge on planning, doing research, writing papers, making appealing visuals, and presenting confidently. Topics covered everything from Louis Riel and Lower Fort Garry, to The RWB and Winnie the Pooh! We first had to choose our essential question to help guide our research. Once research was finished, we began to write up our papers. Then came the fun part! We got creative and started working on their backboards and visuals. As Arthur Ashe once said, "One important key to success is self confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation." On the night of the fair, we truly were very confident and prepared. When everything was finished, the judges had selected four girls to go to the regional heritage fair. They were Rachel Bernhardt, Kristin Smith, Claire Meier, and Kamryn Diehl. Congratulations to everyone for participating and giving it their all!
By Kristin Smith



Emily McDonald creatively put her backboard together



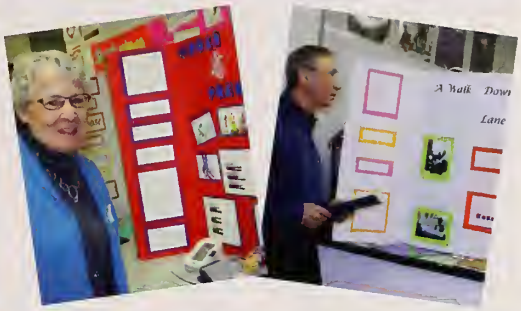
Jennie Pham investigated Joggins Fossil Cliffs

Lia Loewen asked, "Why do dancers come from all over the world to dance at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet?

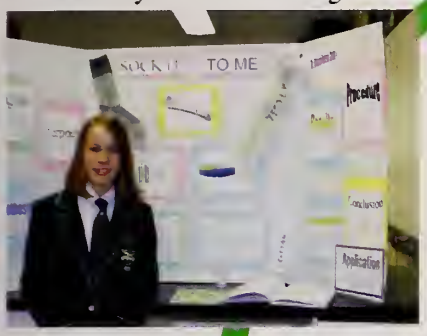
Science Fair

Sono Makino tested which scented candle burned faster and Hind Al-Salmi tested electricity conducted through fruit

Mr. Suderman thought carefully about his decisions



Ms. Fulton Baillie and Mr. Johnson returned as annual judges of the Science Fair

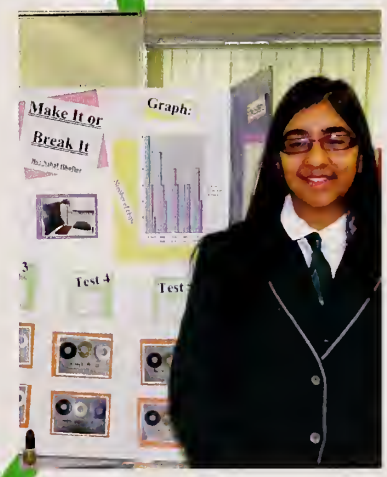


Morgan Morrow presented Sock It To Me

Dr. DeBlonde investigated the project Make It or Break It

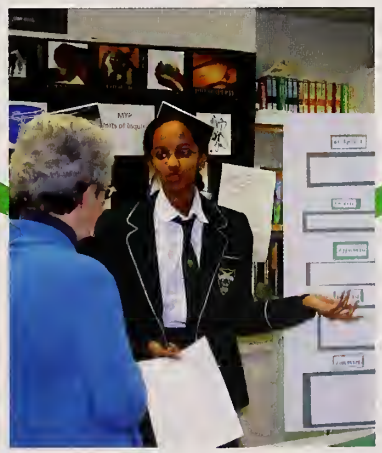
Science Fair was a great experience for everyone. We learned so much. It took a lot of work, but in the end it was all worth it. Our projects all looked amazing. It was not about who was going on to compete, but about all the fun we had and the great memories we made. We started off searching for topics. Then we researched and did experiments to make sure they worked. We collected data and wrote reports. Finally, we constructed our backboards getting to be artistic. They all looked great. The most nerve-wracking stage of our projects was presenting to the judges. They were all extremely supportive, and encouraging. Science Fair was great! We learned and we grew.
By Garima Moudgil

Dr. Thomson read through the report to find out more details about the project

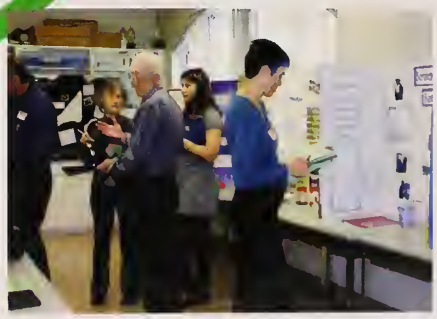


Nihal Bhullar presented Make It or Break It

Wendy Kim made a project about Coaster Courage



Sara Ali presented her project to Ms. Fulton Baillie



The judges discussed their findings in the projects before talking to students

Camp Arnes

The grade 6s gathered around the campfire to roast marshmallows

Rachael Buchwald got to know the chickens on the farm

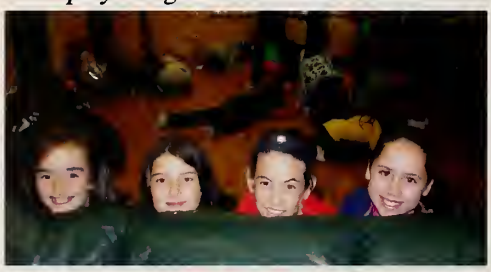
Pema Davis loaded her bow and aimed at the target

Kristin Smith, Emily McDonald and Bryce Paterson waited for their turn on the rockwall

Katelyn Battad prepared to jump off "The Leap of Faith"

Kirsten Benidickson, Katelyn Battad, Serena Buchwald and Rachel Bernhardt played a game of human foosball

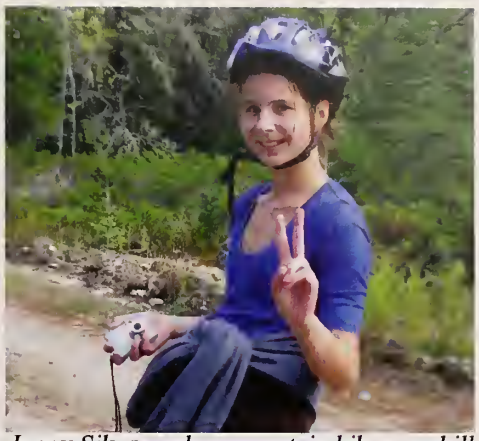
Claire Meier enjoyed her time at the farm while she made new friends



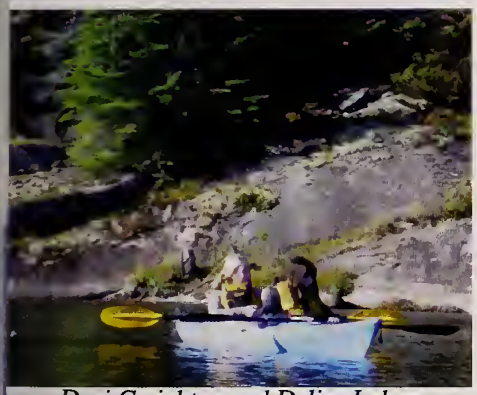
Bryce Paterson, Emily McDonald, Kamryn Diehl and Sarah Kowall enjoyed their time in the cabins

The fire and bannock group spent time around the fire after eating their bannock

The grade 6 classes along with Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Green departed for Camp Arnes early Wednesday morning. The bus was filled with excitement and thoughts of what Camp Arnes would bring. After arriving, we quickly toured the grounds and settled into the cabins. Over the course of three days, we enjoyed zip lining, rock climbing, archery and much more! One of our favourite activities was meeting the animals on the farm. There, we came across chickens, sheep, donkeys and horses. We all ended up falling in love with the animals. By the end of this experience, we had all grown closer together and we knew we were ready to face the challenges of Middle School.
By: Kristin Smith


Jenny Sikora rode a mountain bike up a hill

The girls took a break from all the activities


Dani Creighton and Delica Leboe kayaked on the lake

The grade 7s gathered by their yurt one last time

The group watched intently as the guide showed them how to build a fire

Taylor Maidment enjoyed the view from the top of the rock wall

Every year the grade 7s go on a trip to Yurt Camp; it is meant to help the grade bond over activities, such as singing campfire songs around a bonfire under the stars. On the first day, we enjoyed a hike that took us across the largest rock in the world! We were also able to make our own campfire out of birch bark, twigs, and pieces of wood that were as big as the trees themselves! We, friends, were also able to take part in rock climbing which made us feel like we could have touched the sky. At the end of the day, the whole class got together for a very intense game of Predator vs. Prey. This is a game that shows us what it's like to be animals in different parts of the food chain. The next day, we all enjoyed kayaking and mountain biking. After all of that excitement in just two days, we departed for the three hour bus ride back to the city.

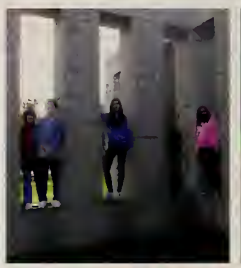
By: Maya Schwartz

Minneapolis Trip

Minneapolis, I have to say, was the best trip of our Middle School years. The best part was that I got time to hang out with my friends and classmates, which made us even closer and better friends. My favourite part was shopping at Mall of America. I also enjoyed watching Hairspray, the Musical, along with eating the delicious dinners. The Science Museum was both educational and interesting. I liked the Art Museum because it was so creative and fun. There were some of the most famous sculptures and paintings there, such as the Spoon and Cherry sculpture. This trip was nothing but fun and laughs. Everybody had a blast.
By: Paris Musaphir

The grade 8s gathered before touring the zoo grounds on the final day

Alex Chubaty Boychuk, Ally Enns, and Garima Moudgil ate lunch at the Fargo Mall on the way to Minneapolis



Katie Bezte, Wendy Kim, Sono Makino, Mary McKeigan, Nihal Bhullar explored the Sculpture Garden and relaxed at the mall

Ski Trip

February 9th 2012, was BH's annual ski trip! Instead of going to Giant's Ridge, the girls traveled to Holiday Mountain just outside of Winnipeg for a full day of skiing and snowboarding. It was a nice change in scenery and a beautiful day for being outside. Throughout the day, the girls were able to get many runs in and relax in the lodge and drink some delicious hot chocolate!
By Eva Downey

Julia Lee and Coral Johnson enjoyed a day full of snowboarding

Shawnee Brennan was a pro at snowboarding

Alex Chubaty Boychuk practiced her turns around the pylons

Annie Luo, Apple Fong, Helen Yu, Wendy Kim, Victoria Rodriguez

Kim Hurst helped Alex Chubaty Boychuk get onto the magic carpet safely

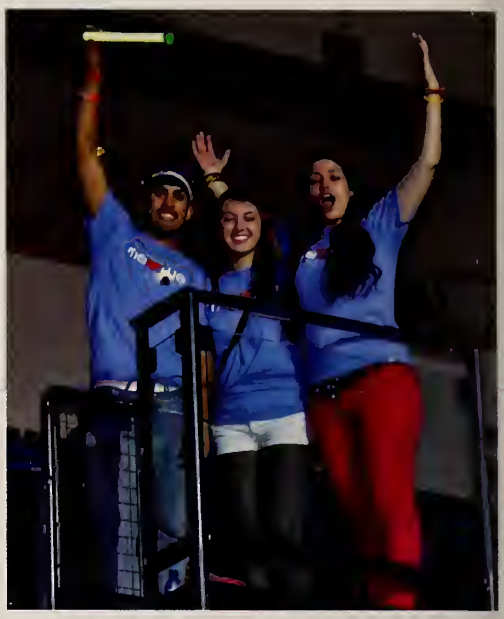
Helen Yu got right back up with the help of Apple Fong

Asiyah Ashique rode her way to the top of the bunny hill on the magic carpet

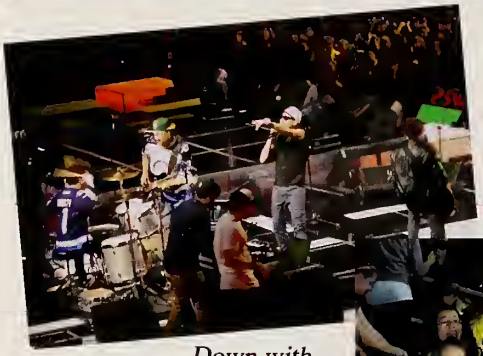
Helen Yu sailed down the bunny hill

Mr. Leipsic and the residence girls warmed up in the lodge at the bottom of the hill

We Day!



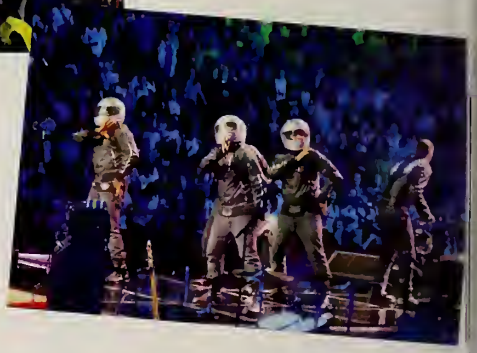
Gabriella Balog and Ericka Müller Morán were enthusiastic crowd pumpers



Down with Webster

Shawn Desman

Neverest



Al Gore

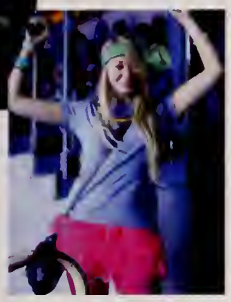
Chief Dennis White Bird

Rick Hansen

Mia Farrow

Hannah Taylor

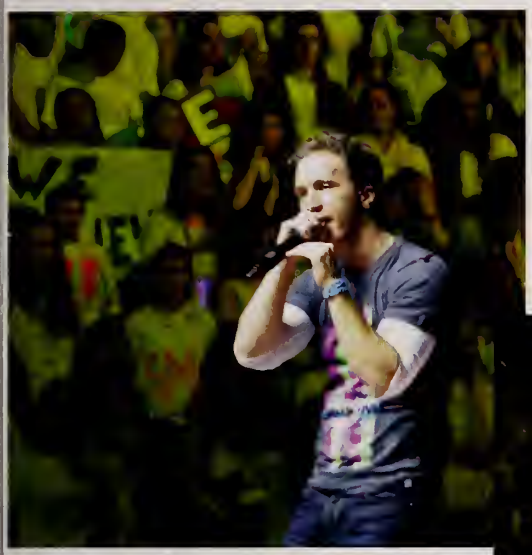
Crowd Pumpers



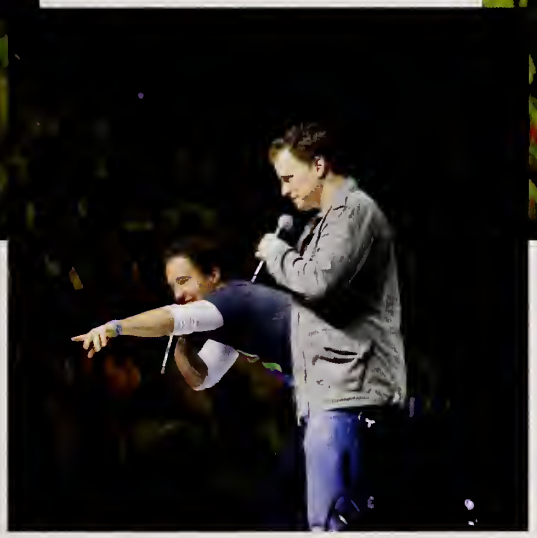
Kathryn Lukowski and Jaclyn Flom

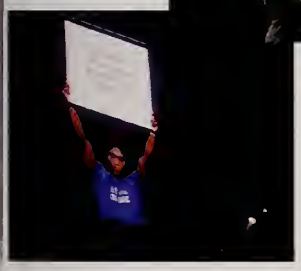
On November 21, 2011 grades seven to twelve attended We Day at the MTS Center. There were 16,000 youth and educators watching speakers and performers encouraging the youth movement for global change. The special guests spoke on their personal experiences and stories. The day started with Shawn Desman leading the crowd in learning the We Day dance to his popualr song 'Night LikeThis'. There were also musical performances by Canadian musicians that everyone enjoyed rocking out to. The attendees left feeling inspired to join a social justice group, take part in the Vow of Silence and change the world one step at a time.

By: Kaitlyn McIntosh, Marissa Woods, and Michelle Daeninck

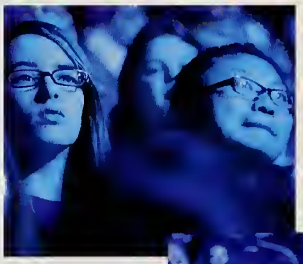


Craig and Marc Kielburger inspired the audience with stories which shared their experiences of the journey they took to come to where they are today and change the world



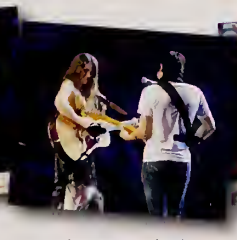


Vow of Silence Michel Chikwanine



BH girls deep in thought

Spencer West



Sierra Nobel

Hedley

Degrassi Cast Members

Jesse Giddings and Sarah Taylor with Ashley Buckle and Simran Theati

Yahoo BBQ

Paige Hastings Van, Jessica Lu, Katie Hastings Van, and Gloria Lambeta socialized beside the mini doughnuts

Mr. Williams was soaked by the end of the night after his turn in the dunk tank

Cady Jessiman helped with the pony rides

Noelle Verry, Brittany Simmons, Ashley Buckle, William Dusessoy, and Simran Theathi showed off their airbrush tattoos

Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Sheps did a great job helping at the bag bar

The Yahoo Barbecue was a huge hit this year! Everyone enjoyed the new addition to the activities, the Pony Rides. There was something for everyone, including bouncy activities, delicious foods, airbrush tattoos and of course the dunk tank. Who doesn't love throwing a ball at a target, which may just soak their teachers? For the animal lovers, two interesting groups entertained; the petting zoo, and the wildlife exhibit. Although the weather wasn't very nice, everyone lived by the motto "the show must go on," and created wonderful memories.

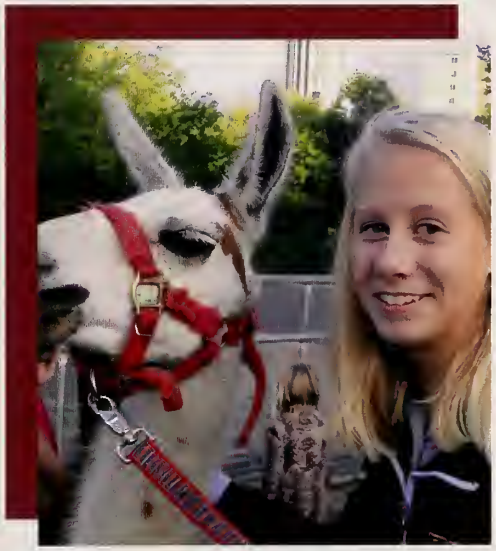
By: Eva Downey, Josie Feltham and Reese Precourt

Jessica Lu and Josie Feltham enjoyed the many flavours of gelato

Katie Bezte happily accepted a bag of popcorn from Dana Tomchyshyn

Jessica Lu, Helen Yu, Apple Fong, Lia Zhuang arrived excitedly at the Yahoo BBQ

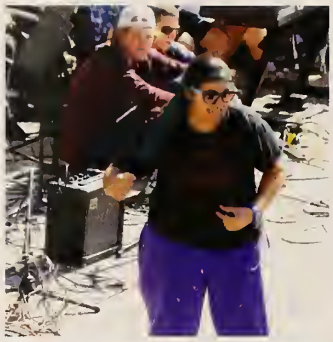
Mrs. Henry and Alex Turner helped a young participant in the pony rides



Alanna Flom visited the llama at the petting zoo

Ashley Buckle, Noelle Verry, and Simran Theathi had a fun time at the bag bar stand

Sophia Cho learned about many different types of owls

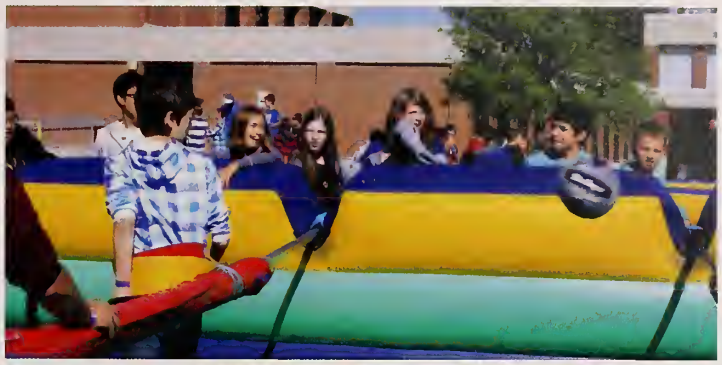


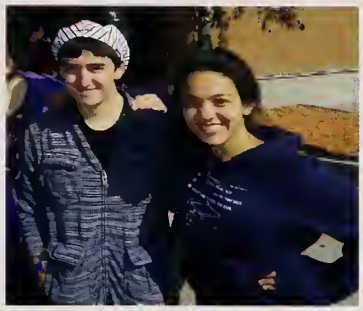
Danielle Leslie proved her strength when she challenged a St.Paul's student during the walk

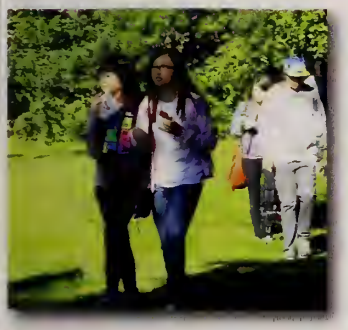
Simran, Ashley, Noelle and Hailey enjoyed helping out

The Senior School teachers liked their break from school

Paul's Walk







On September 22, the entire Balmoral Hall Senior School joined forces with St. Paul's and St. Mary's to raise money for Cancer Care Manitoba and other notable causes. A small donation by each student was made, and in turn, everyone was able to enjoy this day filled with exciting activities. With plenty of performances at the talent show, walking around Assiniboine Park, games and, of course, ice cream sandwiches to go around, the day was a great success.

One of the more memorable events that took place at the walk was when various students from all three schools participated in the airband competitions. Balmoral Hall showed their talent by dancing to a mash-up of pop songs. The dance was choreographed by Noelle Verry, Hailey Hooke and Alyssa Andjelic. With the participation of the Senior School Prefects and a couple of grade 11 enthusiasts, the dance represented BH very well and the show was a success.

The St. Paul's Walk was an amazing day where students got the chance to have fun, while raising money for a good cause. It's terrific to see what an impact a couple of schools can make when they raise money and awareness together!

By: Ashley Buckle and Maddie Lischka

Girls for the Cure

Erika Handregan and Kirsten Drexler showed off their balloons

Ms. McGill-Horn, Kaitlin and Bailey were excited to make it to the Legislative Building

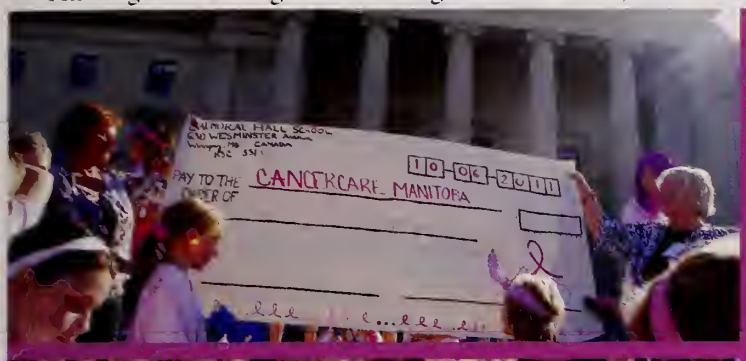
The ladies from Chemo Savvy joined us for the walk

Madison and Lia were happy to plant their tulips

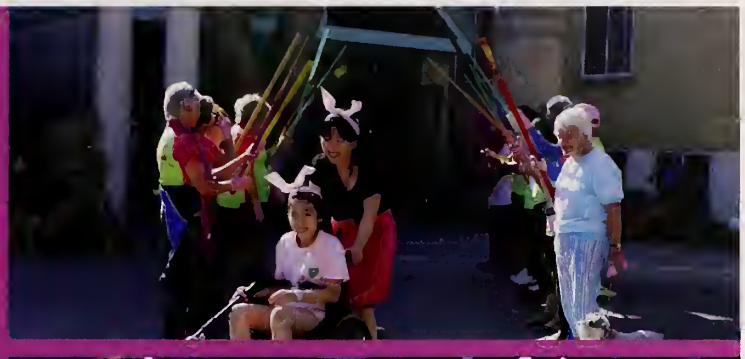
The BH girls held up the banners to mark the end of the walk

Mrs. Sveinson led the girls with a special kickoff dance

All the girls were so glad to see the grand total of $17,799.99



The Chemo Savvy team held up their paddles for the girls



The Junior School girls gathered in the gym for the kickoff

Some of the girls danced after the long walk

The clown entertained the younger girls

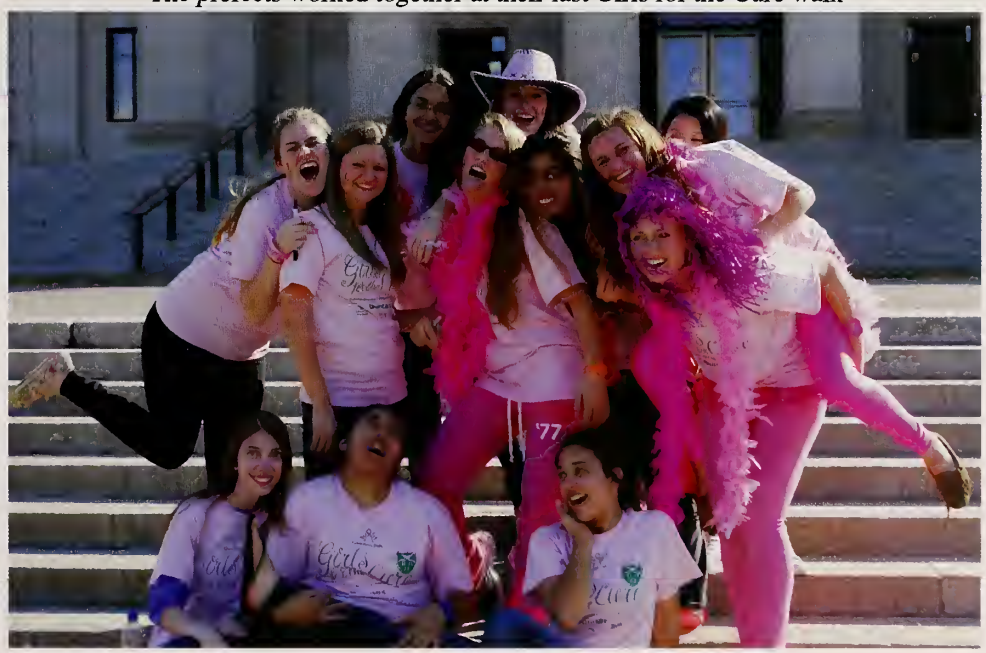
Simran Theathi applied a tattoo for Brooke De Pencier

This year, the Girls for the Cure walk raised $17,799.99 for breast cancer. It started off with a kickoff, consisting of different speakers and a special dance led by Mrs. Sveinson. On another date, all the staff and students gathered at the back to plant pink tulip bulbs to spread awareness for breast cancer. The day of the walk was a great success and a lot of fun, accompanied by the Chemo Savvy ladies. Later at the walk, there were snacks and drinks, a tattoo station, and entertainment by a clown and the DJ.

By: Kristin Smith, Anny Hsu, and Simran Theathi

Jaclyn, Eleanore, Kady, and Nicole got ready to plant their tulip bulbs

The prefects worked together at their last Girls for the Cure walk

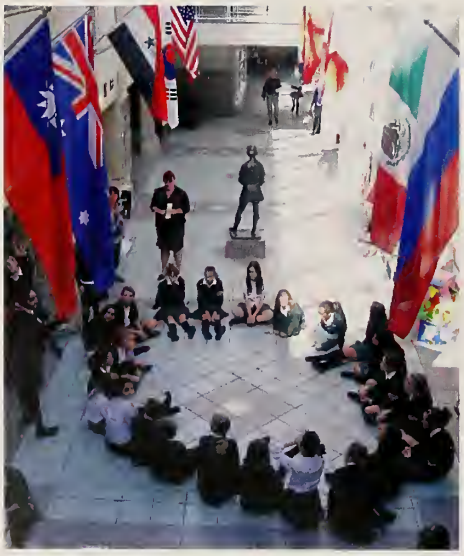


WINS Week

At the beginning of the school year, the Prefects organized "Welcoming In New Students Week" for all new students in Middle and Senior School. There were activities at flex that included duck-duck-goose and musical chairs. There were prizes of candy for the winners and participants. Crowds watched from all floors to see the contests. The new students felt very welcomed and it was a great start to the year.
By: Kaitlyn McIntosh, Maya Schwartz, and Kady Huang

Lots of interest was shown in the game of duck-duck-goose

Participants who lost observed the rest of the game



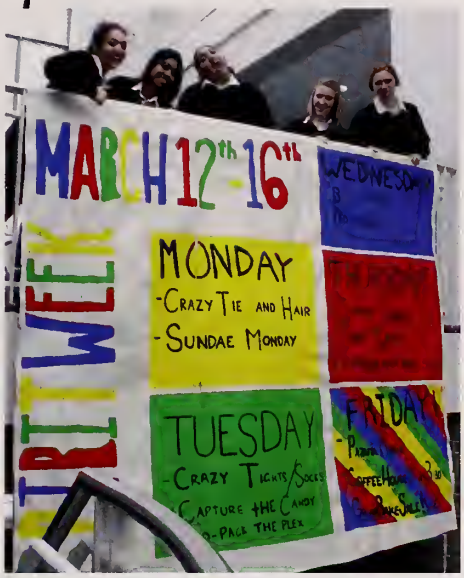
Prefects explained the game to the students participating in WINS Week

Payton Bell and Chloe Balog enjoyed their well-deserved prizes

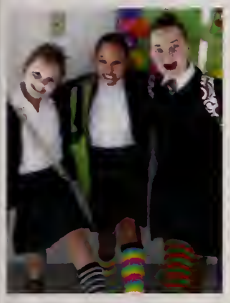
Prefects prepared for the activities

Spirit Week

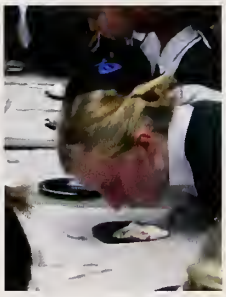
Sono Makino and Mary McKeigan



Meghan Hatcher, Payton Bell and Lia Loewen



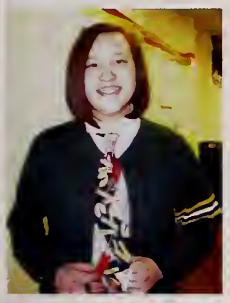
Kristin Smith, Katelyn Battad and Emma Javra



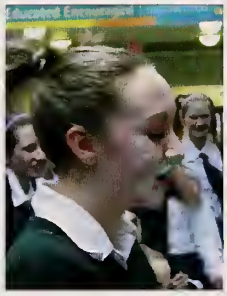
Fun with Sundae Monday!

Ms. Thomas and Ms. Dykeman

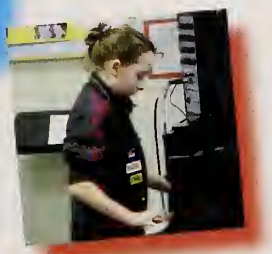
Spirit Week was a great send-off to Spring Break. Everyone got in the spirit of accessory days. Crazy ties, hair, shoes, tights and socks were everywhere! Fun activities during the week had everyone laughing and the grand finale, the Coffee House, showcased talented singers, musicians, dancers and even an amazing juggler! We all relaxed in pajamas on Friday, getting ready to take our well-deserved Spring Break.



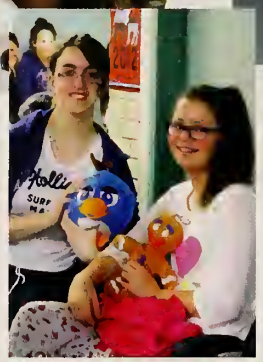
Gillian Chiu



Lauren Melnyk and Emily McDonald



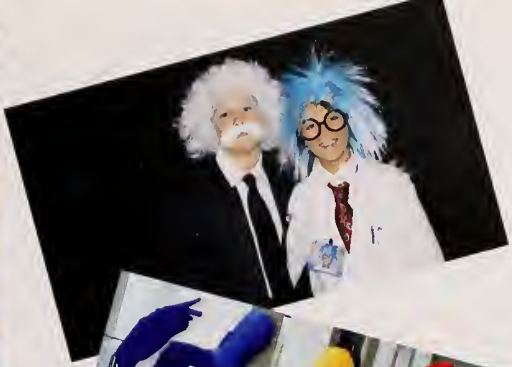
Maddie Metcalfe



Mufti

We get ten mufti days every year and we really love them. At the beginning of the year every student brings in $5, which goes towards sponsoring a child. Every mufti day has a theme, such as Halloween, pajama day, multicultural, and bullying awareness mufti. Mufti days are great escapes from wearing our uniform and are definitely appreciated!

By: Kaitlyn McIntosh and Reese Precourt

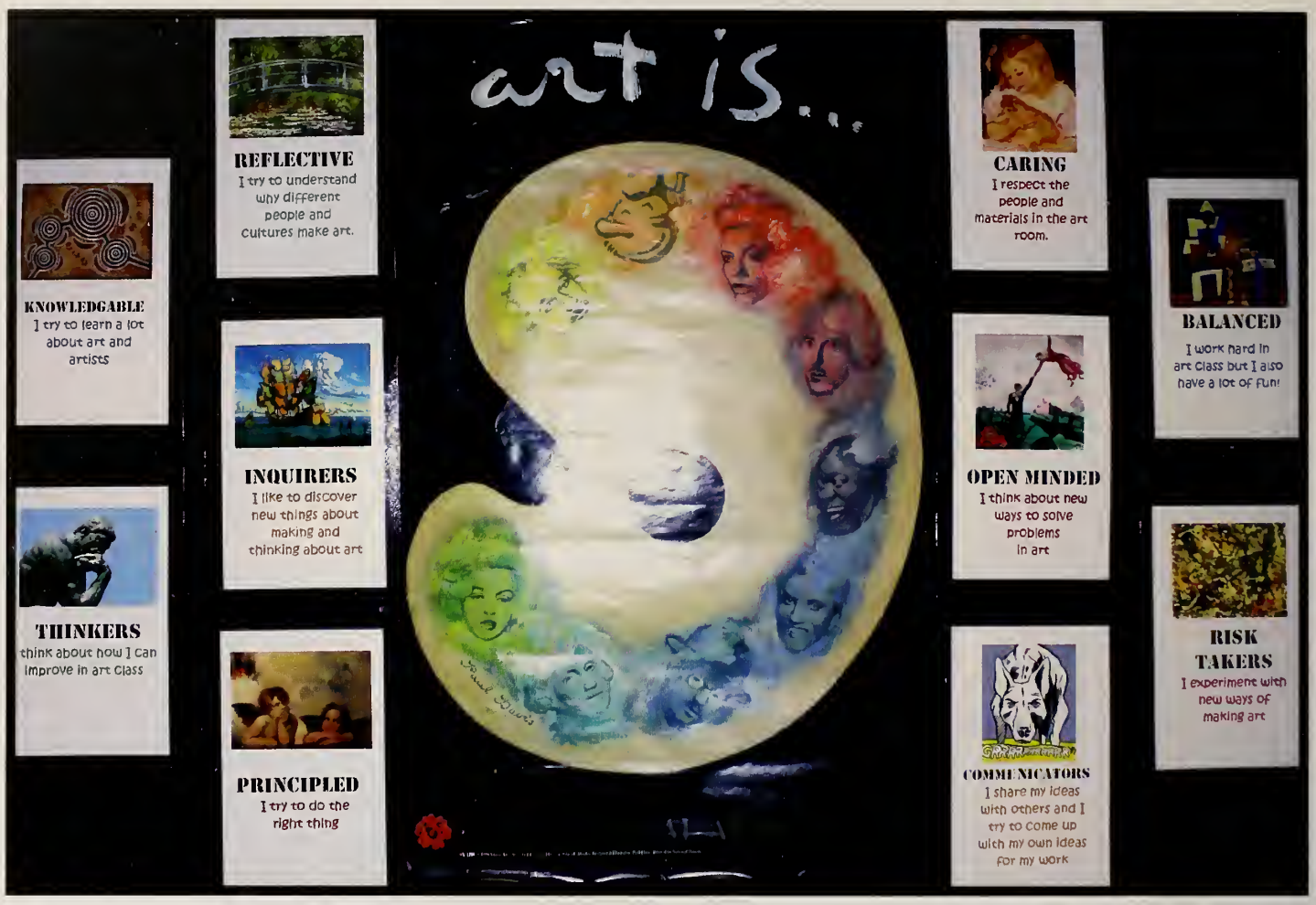


Halloween

Arts

Arts Prefect
Demara Davidson

This year has been amazingly successful for the artistic side of Balmoral Hall! It's awesome to see how much passion we all have for the arts, whether it be shown as drawing, taking an art class, or performing in a play or drama club; if you're really passionate about what you do, the arts may even be something you're considering for a career down the road. I have to say that all our musicals and ballets, Beauty and the Beast, Twinderella, The Little Mermaid, were well-performed and put together. The visual arts students have also concluded their projects, with improvements visible of everyone. I'm happy to see that you all have taken the initiative and tried something new, or worked on something you've already got, through artistic expression. There's nowhere to go but forward, so keep it up! Good luck next year, everyone!



The Butterfly Project
The Power of Change

Middle and Senior students recreated the Winnipeg Art Gallery Exhibition of Norman Rockwell's Saturday Evening Post using student illustrations

Studio Art

Gade 1
Peacocks
Erika Handregan

Kindergarten
Queen for the Day

Gade 4
Polar Bears
Natasha Hofer

Gade 5
The Forest
Olivia Wilde

Gade 6
Creative Masks

Lines and Natural Patterns

Grade 6
Katelyn Battad

Grade 6
Emma Javra

Surreal Interior Designs

Grade 8
Wendy Kim

Grade 8
Grace Perchaluk

Funky Animal Water Colour Paintings

Grade 7
Morgan Dubyts

Grade 7
Jessica Kirschner

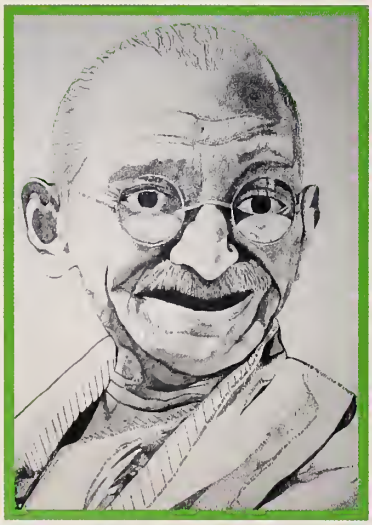
Mixed Media Projects

The University of Winnipeg
Vivien Chen

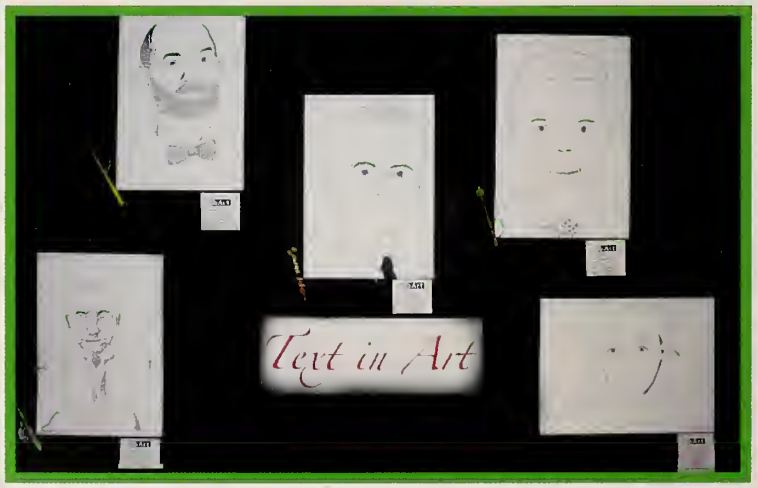
Nova Scotia
Kennedy Maidment

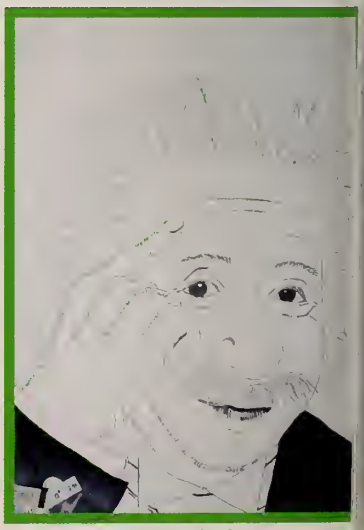
Kyungbok Palace, Korea
Sophia Cho

The Black Swan
Madeline Metcalfe



Grade 9
Ghandi
Rithikha Rajamohan





Grade 9
Einstein
Regina de Palacio

Clarice Nguyen Hua

Pop Art and The Andy Influence

Kathryne Roller

American Gothic
The Hunger Games
Emily Sikora

American Gothic
Alice in Wonderland
Eleanor Fascione

Furniture Project
After Fleur Cowles- Halley MacMillan
After Quentin Tarantino - Maddie Metcalfe
Thomas and Polson - Annamarie Macklin
After Melinda Copper- Sophia Cho
After Fleur Cowles - Grace Stewart
After Audubon- Demara Davidson

Little Things Brought to Life

Emily Sikora

Carlota Mertz

Josie Feltham

Melisha Mendis

Elska Swandel

Danelle Grossman

Apple Fong

Digital

Claire Hughes

Julia Mann

Alanna Flom

Kaitlyn Scott

Jessica Lu

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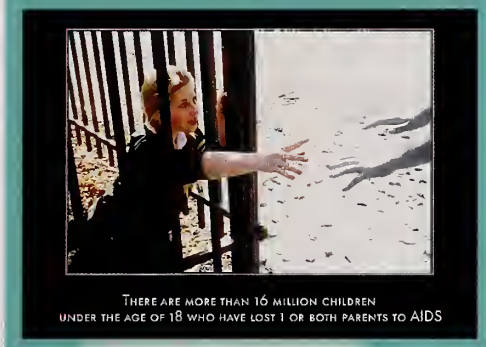
The Beauty of Culture

Kaitlyn McIntosh
and
Sara Al Salmi

Claire Perchaluk
and
Julia White



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The Power of Design

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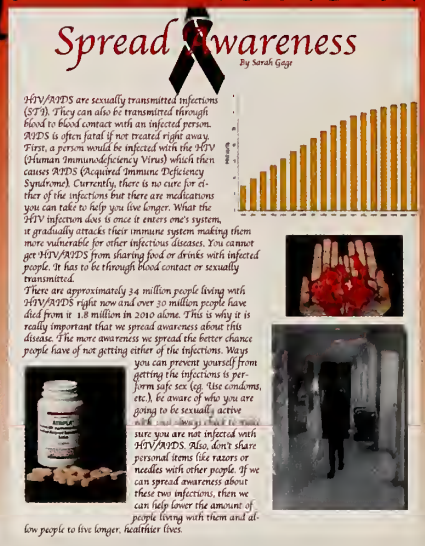

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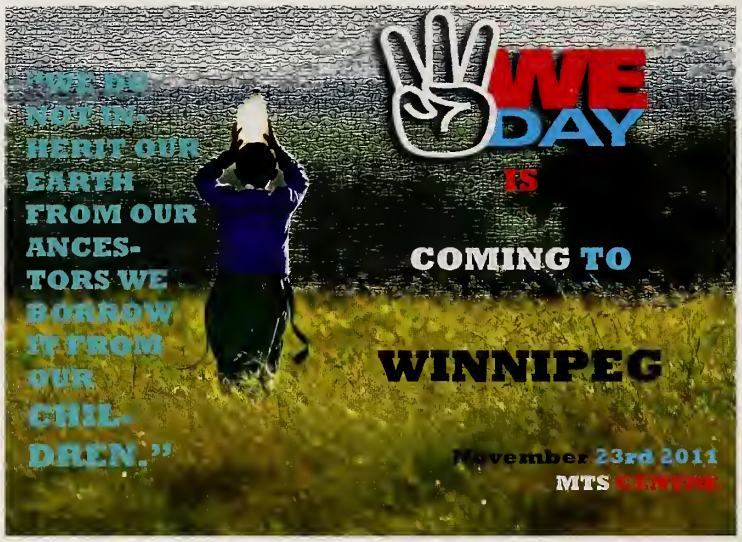

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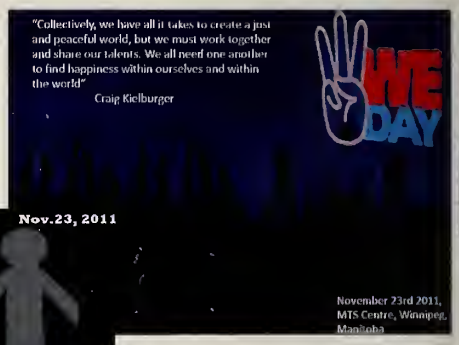

Lexy Muller

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words - We Day Awareness

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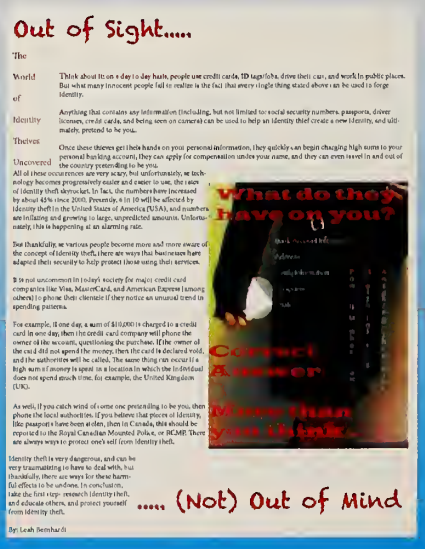

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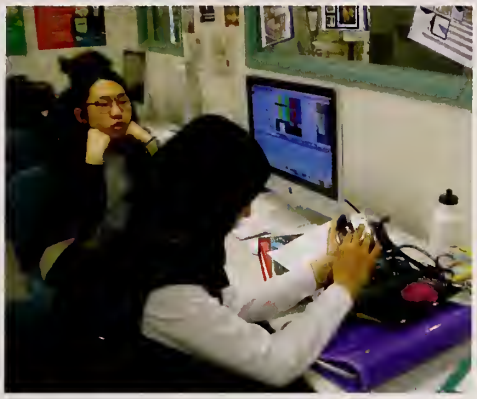
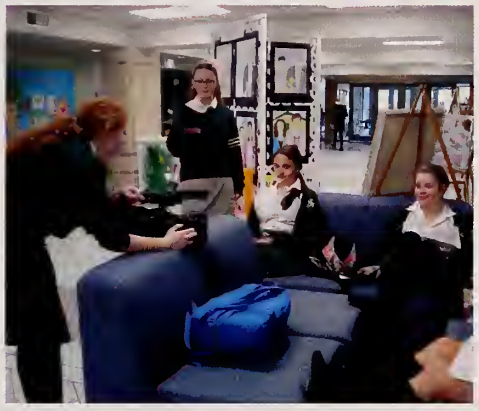
Broadcast Media





Units covered in Broadcast Media were:
Who Am I? - How can I use technology to better my role in the community?
Create and Rate - How can I make a positive impact on the environment?
Can you hear me now? - How has technology impacted music?
Because I said so! - How can technology be used to influence people?

Broadcast Media is a course that was open to grade 9 and 10 students this year. This course broadened students knowledge of various digital art forms, the growing uses of technology in our world today, and gave us a perspective of career opportunities in this exciting field. In the course, students were exposed to different media equipment and techniques such as camera angles, shots, green screens, etc.

Students were given an opportunity to become adept in the use of media editing software such as Final Cut Express and GarageBand.

The course enabled students to produce projects which showcased their ingenuity and the creative flexibility that modern technology can provide us.

By Rithikha Rajamohan

Senior School Musical

Gaston (Madeline Metcalfe) sang to Belle (Gabriella Balog) about their future together

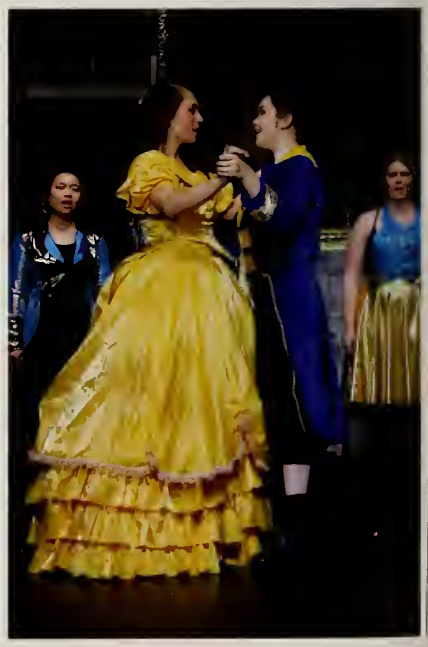
Rav Sangha, Kea Kleihauer, Natasha Comeau, and Jennifer Fenwick worked hard as the wonderful stage crew

Cogsworth (Lexy Muller Moran) and Lumiere (Elska Swandel) gave the Beast (Kady Evanyshyn) reassurance before having dinner with Belle

This year the senior school girls performed Beauty and the Beast. Over the course of the first term, the girls spent countless hours perfecting the timeless broadway classics, such as "Be Our Guest," "Belle" and a cast favourite, "Gaston." Whether it be singing, dancing or acting, the BH girls gave it their all, showcasing a wonderful array of talent! With the help of our fabulous director, Jan Skeene, our creative choreographers Brenda Gorllick and Rhianna Joseph, and the ever patient, Mrs. Silvia Fisher, we managed to come together, uniting as a cast of performers and as a family. Though it may not have always been a bed of roses, we knew we could pull through with the help of our wonderful music director Mr. Quinn.

Thanks for a great performance and an even greater experience girls!

By: Ashley Buckle, Josie Feltham and Maddie Lischka



Beauty and the Beast

The cutlery did the can-can during "Be Our Guest"

Castle folk celebrated after sending the cronies running in fear to get out of the castle

Monsieur D'Arque (Marissa Woods), Gaston (Madeline Metcalfe), Crony (Maddie Lischka), and Lefou (Cristina Mace) listened as Gaston explained his plan to storm the castle

Twinderella

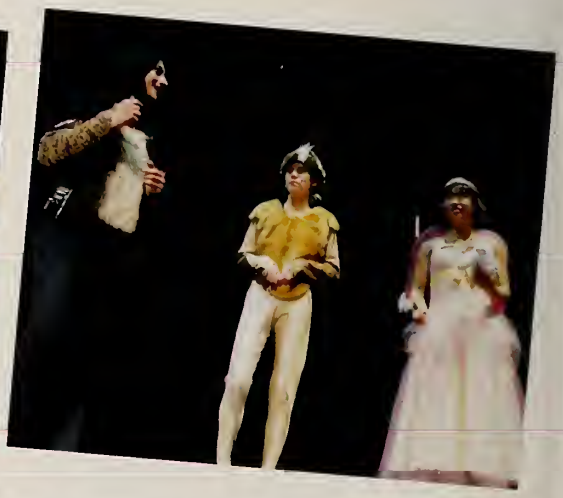
Garima Moudgil, Alex Chubaty Boychuk, Julia Lee, and Daniella Daumler's characters received word of the baseball game in Wychwood Under-ooze

Sono Makino and Kim Hurst played the Queen and King of Wychwood Under-ooze

Daniella Daumler pitched in the baseball game while Garima Moudgil, Ally Enns, Paris Musaphir, and Sara Ali, the evil stepfamily watched the game

This year our middle school musical was "Twinderella". We did auditions to get our favorite role last December, and started to memorize our lines. The skit was funny so it was our job to act it out well. At first, it was hard to stay in character and say the lines at the right time. As we got closer to the show, we picked out our costumes and everyone was getting excited. By the time we attended the weekend rehearsal after spring break, there were barely any mistakes. In total, we performed four times in front of an audience including the junior girls. I felt very happy when the audience laughed during the performances. Some of us were nervous for the actual show, but after all it became a big success and we miss the show already.

Chloe Balog, as Cinderella, cleaned to the song, You Got Work To Do



Hind Al Salmi and Morgan Morrow as gerbils, along with Katie Bezte as the fairy godmother discussd taking Cinderella to the ball

Grade 7 students, Maya Schwartz, Victoria Rodriguez and Dani Moreau waited in the wings for their scenes

Chloe Balog, as Cinderella, found out that she has a twin, Bob, played by Alex Chubaty Boychuk

Grade 6 students took their bows in the finale

Sports

Sports Captains

Senior School
Sports Captain Ravneet Sangha

I was so pleased to be elected by my fellow students. I am passionate about all sports and being your sports captain, I wanted to get the entire middle school involved. I believe that anyone who has the desire to be a part of a team has something valuable to contribute. We had great participation in our interhouse sporting events such as Yoshi, Mission Impossible and Bench Ball. I was so happy to see all grades well represented. Our interhouse activities such as marshmallow on a string and kinder egg-eating contest came with great enthusiasm. Thanks to Mrs. White and Mrs. Holmes for your advice and support. The grade 8 house heads were fantastic, we made an awesome team coming up with great activities to make this year a blast. It was an honor representing middle school this year. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves, developed their love of sports and will carry on their BH spirit throughout the years.
By Chloe Balog

Middle School
Sports Captain Chloe Balog

House

Glen Gairn

Brittany Simmons

Thanks for being so spirited at interhouses and other events. You guys have made my final year at BH AMAZING! You were always willing to participate and were spirited in everything you do! You were so excited for all of the staff vs. student games. It is really fun to see your fellow classmates play against your favourite teachers. Have fun next year and for many years after. I would like to wish the best of luck to the new Glen Gairn House Head. I know you will have a great time with this bunch of girls, they rock! Remember Glen Gairn is the BEST house, so keep up the spirit, have fun next year.

Kim Hurst

Craig Gowan

The 2011-2012 year has been a successful one and Craig Gowan has done very well throughout all of the interhouses. There have been so many fun and exciting activities like more mufti days, ginger bread house making contests, ice cream eating contests, Spirit Week and much more. This year has gone by so fast. Everyone has had so much school spirit; it has been awesome to be part of it. As Middle School House Head of Craig Gowan, I have enjoyed getting to know so many new people through this position. Thanks to Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. White who helped make this year such a great one. Good luck to everyone for the upcoming 2012-2013 year!

Katherine Betze

Heads

Ballater

I have had an amazing year as Middle School Ballater House Head. I have to say that Ballater has so much spirit and I'm sure that we are all able to agree on that! Some major interhouse activities included Name That Tune, Guess That Celebrity and of course the traditional game of Yoshi. I also must say that the members of Ballater certainly have a talent in decorating Gingerbread Houses. One thing that always comes to mind when thinking about Ballater, after Kermit The Frog, would have to be teamwork. Vista M. Kelly once said, "Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together." Living in Winnipeg, it is obvious that snow can be pretty stupendous. A perfect word to describe our team. I hope for nothing but the best for Ballater in the years to come. Great job this year ladies!

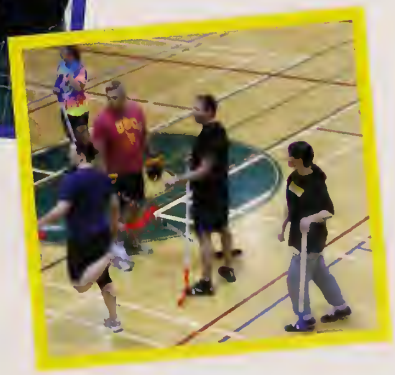
Alexandra Enns

Braemar

Kaitlin McGill

This year, being your Braemar House Head has been amazing. Getting everyone pumped up and full of school spirit was my Prefect goal this year and, because of you, we brought the SPIRIT! Being on student council is an awesome experience because I got to work with all the other amazing Prefects to make your year better and full of fun activities. I feel this year was the best year of all my years at Balmoral Hall (yes, all 14 of them), the JV Hockey girls brought us home the city championship for the first time in BH history and it was with help of all you Spirited students! Keep up the school spirit, stay enthusiastic, and RUN YOUR WORLD! Miss You All xo
By Kaitlin McGill

Kailyn Strain



Wellness Day

Students, parents and staff engergized their morning by participating in the zumba activity

Hanah Baran and Olivia Meier finished off the yogurt tubes in a flash

Julia Johnson, Lana Maidment and Madison LaCombe led a zumba routine

Victoria Davidson and Katie Ross snacked on frozen yogurt tubes during break

Wellness Day was celebrated by starting off the day with an enthusiastic zumba activity in the senior gym, many participated in the upbeat music and got their blood pumping. After zumba, there was a healthy breakfast waiting in the atrium and later students were treated to healthy food choices to snack on.

Junior School students lined up, first thing, for oranges, bagels and yogurt for breakfast in the atrium

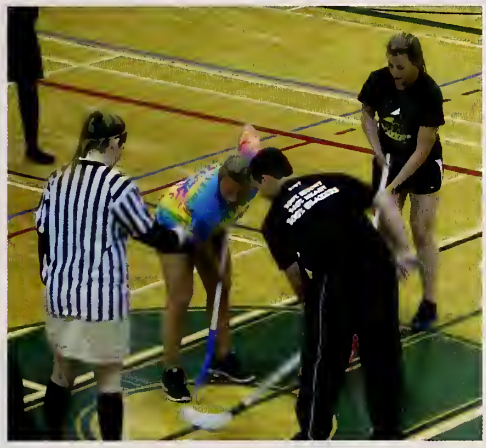
Staff vs. Student

The students challenged the teachers to a hockey game

Fans eagerly observed the game

The students and staff took to the court for a game of volleyball

Teachers were in ready-mode for the next play



Mr. Cook and Meghan Dufault prepared for the face off

Teachers and students rushed after the puck

Students celebrated after scoring a goal

This year there were two staff vs. student interhouse games. The sports included volleyball and floor hockey. Everyone enjoyed the friendly competition between the two teams. These events are a fun way for the students to showcase their athletic ability. They are also a chance to see the teachers outside their normal environment and to see any hidden talents they have. The spectators cheered for their favourite teams and even had pom-poms in school colours. The games were exciting to watch and kept the crowd engaged the entire time. Staff vs. student games have been an all-time favourite and great fun.
By Kaitlyn McIntosh and Maddie Lischka

Volleyball

Developmental

First Row: Katelyn Battad, Serena Buchwald, Lia Loewen, Rachel Bernhardt, Rachael Buchwald
Second Row: Coach Tannis Hart, Jennie Pham, Emily McDonald, Bryce Paterson, Emma Javra, Payton Bell, Olivia Keane
Missing: Aliyah Walji

MVP: Olivia Keane
MIP: Rachael Buchwald

Junior Varsity

First Row: Ashley Allan
Second Row: Simran Roopra, Sarah Gage
Third Row: Lauren Clavet, Paige Hastings Van, Jane Guberman, Sophia Buller-Courage, Katie Hastings Van
Missing: Katie Roller

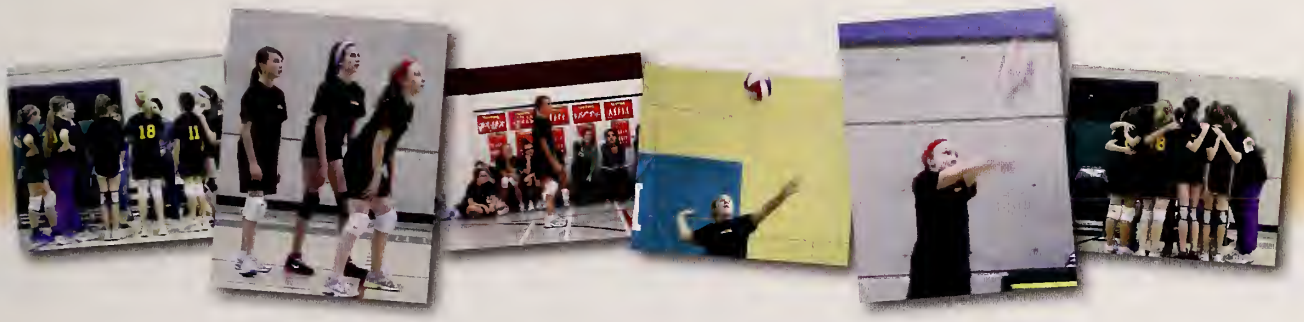
MVP: Ashley Allan
MIP: Sarah Gage

Volleyball

Junior Competitive

First Row: Coach Hannah Scott, Chloe Balog, Kailyn Strain, Mary McKeigan, Alex Chubaty Boychuk, Ally Enns, Paris Musaphir, Coach Katrina Barkwell
Second Row: Taylor Maidment, Hayley Smith, Claudia Venevongsa, Dani Moreau, Morgan Dubyts, Alex Blake, Anais Casselman-Green, Katherine Burley

MVP: Taylor Maidment
MIP: Hayley Smith



Varsity

First Row: Sarah Scott, Patricia Navarro, McKenzie Trann, Danelle Grossman, Katrina Barkwell, Coach Marla Yarema
Second Row: Moneet Sidhu, Nicky DePape, Alex Trann, Hannah Scott, Ravneet Sangha, Lauren Clavet
Missing: Brittany Simmons, Bryanna Sherbo, Natalie Bennett

MVP: Brittany Simmons
MIP: Natalie Bennett

Basketball

Developmental

First Row: Reese Precourt, Lauren Melnyk, Rachel Bernhard, Emily McDonald, Coach Stevan Leipsic
Second Row: Meghan Hatcher, Kirsten Benidickson, Sara Christie, Pema Davis, Bryce Paterson

MVP: Meghan Hatcher
MIP: Everyone!

Junior Competitive

First Row: Kailyn Strain, Chloe Balog, Taylor Maidment, Claudia Venevongsa, Dani Creighton, Morgan Dubyts
Second Row: Tom Nicholson, Dani Moreau, Hayley Smith, Stephen Penner, Jenny Sikora, Daniella Daumler, Mary McKeigan, Dave Crook

MVP: Dani Moreau
MIP: Morgan Dubyts

Basketball/Ultimate Frisbee

Varsity

First Row: Bryanna Sherbo, Morgan Rathwell, Alex Turner, Gloria Lambeta
Second Row: Jaclyn Flom, Natalie Bennett, Katie Hastings Van, Paige Hastings Van, Sam Moreau
Missing: Brittany Simmons, Ravneet Sangha, Alanna Flom

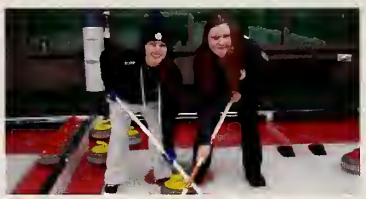
MVP: Sam Moreau, Morgan Rathwe
MIP: Gloria Lambeta, Jaclyn Flom

Ultimate Frisbee

First Row: Jordan Dragojevic, Bryanna Sherbo
Second Row: Zach Freig, Brittany Simmons, Meghan Dufault, David Cea Flores, Corbin Hollins, Colton Bohonos, Justin Tsang
Third Row: Coach Jared Cook, Coach Megan Clarke, Sara Barnabe, CC Wannan, Adam Scott, Matt McDonald, Kathleen Kopp, Megan Ross, Kaitlin Robinson, Jaclyn Flom, Cristina Mace, Coach Bryan Williams
MIssing: Bailey Robinson, Liam Bilton, Eddie Sherlock, Neil Redpath, Simon Garfinkel

MVP: Megan Ross
MIP: Jaclyn Flom

Curling/Rugby



Curling

Top: Josie Feltham, Gabi Warren, Eva Downey, Kaitlyn McIntosh
Bottom Left: Dani Moreau, Hayley Smith, Maya Schwartz, Taylor Maidment, Morgan Dubyts, Dani Creighton, Freyja Kristjanson
Bottom Right: Rebecca Babiak, Sam Moreau

Rugby

First Row: Ravneet Sangha, Maia Ochonski, Alanna Flom, Bryn Koehn, Morgan Ross, Kennedy Maidment
Second Row: Lexy Müller Moran, Natasha Comeau, Alex Turner, Bryanna Sherbo, Natalie Bennett
Missing: Shea Gaynor, Kea Kleihauer, Morgan Rathwell, Marsha Gordon

MVP: Natasha Comeau
MIP: Shea Gaynor, Lexy Muller Moran

Track and Field/Cross Country

Track and Field
First Row: Sarah Hnytka, Makenzie Taylor, Rebecca Babiak, Bailey Robinson Second Row: Kaitlyn Sylvester, Gloria Lambeta, Sam Moreau, Sophia Buller-Courage, Alex Trann
Missing: Cassidy Maidment

First Row: Payton Bell, Madison Lacombe, Rachael Buchwald, Serena Buchwald, Second Row: Katelyn Battad, Julia Johnson, Olivia Keane, Sara Christie, Emily McDonald
Third Row: Paris Musaphir, Sara Ali, Coral Johnson, Alex Chubaty-Boychuk, Grace Perchaluk, Chloe Balog, Ally Enns, Daniella Daumler, Mary McKeigan, Morgan Morrow
Missing: Meghan Hatcher, Hayley Smith, Allison Hilliker, Taylor Maidment, Claudia Venevongsa, Morgan Dubyts, Jenny Sikora, Freyja Kristjanson, Anais Casselman-Green, Katherine Burley, Sam Machado, Dani Moreau, Dani Creighton, Emily Thompson, Kailyn Strain

Cross Country

Kailyn Strain, Chloe Balog, Rithikha Rajamohan, Anais Casselman-Green, Allison Hilliker

Soccer/Golf

Soccer

First Row: Rebecca Babiak, Danielle Leslie, Ashley Allen
Second row: Michela Picklyk-Esposito, Skye Kelly, Sarah Gage, Gabriella Balog, Lexy Müller Moran, Coach Krista Akerstream
Third Row: Leah Bernhardt, Kaitlin Ross, Jessie McTaggart, Julia White, Danelle Grossman

MVP: Dan Leslie, Gabby Balog
MIP: Lexy Muller Moran

Golf

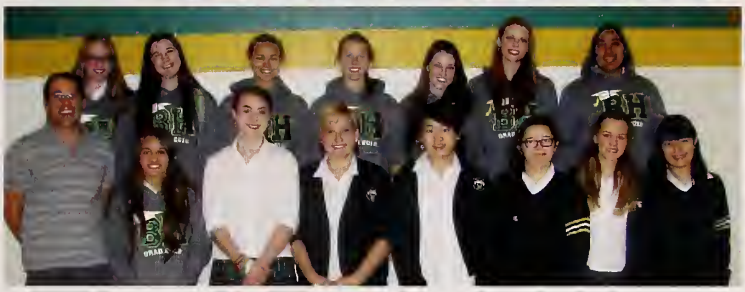
First Row: Jayden Skoleski, Autumn Garnham
Second Row: Rebecca Babiak, Sam Moreau, Rikki Meilleur
Missing: Cassandra Taylor, Ashleigh Brykaliuk, Larissa Martyniuk, Michela Picklyk-Esposito

Badminton

Badminton

First Row: Olivia Meier, Julia Johnson, Olivia Keane, Emily McDonald, Claire Meier, Lindsay Speirs, Lia Loewen, Katelyn Battad, Emma Javra, Sara Christie
Second Row: Katherine Burley, Allison Hilliker, Dani Moreau, Dani Creighton, Paris Musaphir, Ally Enns, Wendy Kim
Missing: Chloe Balog, Kailyn Strain, Taylor Maidment, Hannah Baran, Freyja Kristjanson

First Row: Coach John Kerr, McKenzie Trann, Makenzie Taylor, Morgan Ross, Jessica Lu, Hayley Stacey, Madison Morrow, Apple Fong
Second Row: Brittany Simmons, CC Wannan, Meghan Dufault, Rebecca Babiak, Stephanie Enns, Ashely Buckle, Ravneet Sangha



Hockey

Highschool Hockey

Third Row: Coach Bryan Williams, Makenzie Taylor, Kayla Karbonik, Megan Ross, Kayla Mee, Ericka Muller, Tess Bracken, Kati Tabin, Coach Jared Cook, Coach Jennifer Kirk
Second Row: Kathleen Kosior, Bailey Robinson, Brooke-Lyn Riley, Paige Craig, Alison Sexton, Lexi Lanteigne, Kaitlyn Sylvester
First Row: Robin Thiessen

MVP: Tess Bracken
MIP: Makenzie Taylor

Varsity Prep Hockey

First Row: Rachel Dyck, Rebecca Babiak, Coach Anne Hedley, Meghan Dufault, Coach Gerry Wilson, Skye Kelly, Tracy Schick
Second Row: Taylor Woods, Jessica Stott, Haley Studler, Michela Esposito, Jayden Skoleski, Ashley Brykaliuk, Danielle Leslie, Coach Darlene Sveinson
Third Row: Autumn Garnham, Cassandra Taylor, Kelsey Saelens, Rikki Meilleur, Larissa Martyniuk, Sara Barnabe

MVP: Meghan Dufault
MIP: Jessica Stott

City Champions

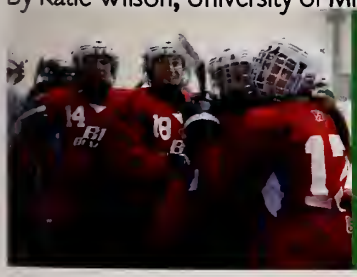
Balmoral Hall Hockey First

The Junior Varsity Blazers finished off their very successful season with the school's very first school championship title. With an incredible first school record of 39 wins and 1 loss, the Blazers placed first in the Sturgeon Heights Tournament, Kings Edgehill School Tournament in Windsor, Nova Scotia and in the league. After a hard fought playoff run, the Blazers ended up winning 2 straight games to the team they had their only loss to College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens. The team came together through many differences to become a close knit team to win the championship... Good Season Blazers! By Megan Ross

Alumnae Game

Vying for The Gariepy Cup

BH alumnae are always very excited for this event as we get to visit and play with our old teammates and share our amazing experiences we've had at our colleges or universities. It is so fun to get a chance to play with current BH players and see so much talent coming from the program. With everyone's busy schedule, it shows commitment and pride that each player has for the program. When we get back together it feels as though no time has passed! It is also so exciting to see the current players. I was part of the first BH prep team and it is truly amazing to see how far this program has come. The alumnae game is a fantastic tradition that we hope continues with the growing women's hockey program.
By Katie Wilson, University of Minnesota-Duluth



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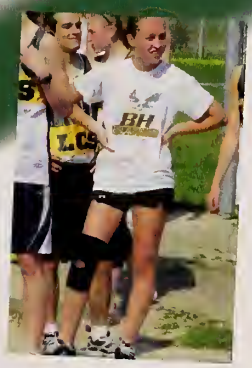


Middle and Senior School Athletic program

Cross Country Running

The middle and senior school team competed in the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Race this year at Harbourview Park. The girls did extremely well competing in this large race that has attendees from across the province of Manitoba.

Volleyball

In volleyball, we fielded one team in the developmental league. The team had a lot of fun this year and was made up of grade six students and a few grade seven students. The team continued to improve over the season with many students finally being able to get that serve over the net and work together to set-up the ball before sending it over the net. The team finished on a high note by winning games and then celebrating at the school with a wind-up party and players vs. parents game.

The junior competitive team was made up of grade seven and eight girls. All games were extremely competitive and the league had many excellent teams this year. The girls won volleyball matches, but were unable to win a set this year in league play. This keen group of students will do well in the competitive league next year.

The junior varsity volleyball team had a building year with students from grades 9 & 10 on the team. Some of the students had not played the sport in several years and the girls worked hard to develop their skills for the season.

This year our varsity volleyball team had skilled and confident grade twelve players. These players were supported by dedicated and sport-loving grade 9 – 11 athletes. Both coaches and players had a fun season working together.

Basketball

The developmental team consisted of students in grade six this year. Smaller in numbers, but very committed to the team, the girls practiced hard and kept Mr. Leipsic on top of the rules as the girls were working hard to figure out the rules and how to play together. The girls also played some exhibition games that were a ton of fun for them.

The junior competitive team had an excellent season and their coaching staff had wonderful things to say about their commitment and determination. The girls did extremely well in league play and finished 2nd in their pool, which allowed them to play in the playoffs. The girls won their first playoff game and then lost in a tight battle in their quarter-final game. They finished in 4th place overall in the league. Great season girls!

The varsity team was a grade 10-12 team this year and played in the 2nd tier of a two-tiered system. This was an excellent option for the team this year as games were close and exciting. The girls worked extremely hard and the Varsity team will continue to be strong next year even though we have some graduating players this year.

Junior Varsity Hockey

The JV Blazers had the most successful season in school history in 2011-2012. The JV Blazers won both tournaments they entered this season, going undefeated in tournament play. The first gold medal the JV Blazers won this season was the Sturgeon Heights Huskies tournament in October. The team followed that up with a gold medal performance in Windsor, Nova Scotia, where the team won the King's Edge-Hill School tournament, beating Nova Scotia's provincial champions in the final. The JV Blazers finished the regular season in first place overall, with a record of 19 wins and 1 loss. In the playoffs, the team did not disappoint, as they won Balmoral Hall School's first ever WHSHL League Championship. The JV Blazers overall season record this year was 39 wins and 1 loss.

Varsity Prep Hockey

The prep hockey team finished the year with one of the strongest seasons ever.

The JWHL is an extremely competitive 10 team league which is home to many of the absolute best female hockey players across North America. After 31 total games, which included regular season play as well as playoffs, the Blazers finished with 44 points. This was second only to the eventual JWHL Champion - North American Hockey Academy out of Stowe Vt. and tallied the most points of any BH team since joining the JWHL.

Balmoral Hall will graduate 5 players into the D1 NCAA College Hockey ranks and 2 players to the CIS (Canadian University Hockey).

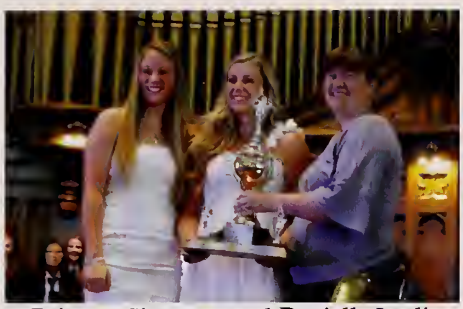
Curling

A large group of girls in grades 7-12 participated in the curling season. There were so many girls that not all could compete in the zone bonspiel. We had a change in coaching this year and Mrs. White and her husband, Rob White took over and they were extremely impressed with the range of abilities out on the ice. We will be starting the season earlier next year to increase the knowledge of the new students for this sport.

Rugby

The BH rugby team had a fun season with many new players. Skills and team play improved incredibly throughout the year and the seasoned players helped the new players feel confident on the field. Many thanks go to Amanda Kula for her wonderful coaching.

Makenzie Taylor
Junior Varsity Athlete of the Year



Brittany Simmons and Danielle Leslie
Varsity Athletes of the Year

Rebecca Babiak
Graduating All Star Athlete

Soccer

Our Balmoral Hall Blazers soccer team has always been extremely athletic, skilled and competitive; this year was no exception. Our roster of 18 girls began practicing after spring break and worked diligently to prepare for our challenging, but brief season. The team lost only one game, by one goal, in the regular season and moved on to semi-finals where we unfortunately lost to the top ranking team. This group of grades 9-12, worked extremely well together and the encouragement on and off the field made it a fun and memorable season!

Badminton

The middle school badminton team was a committed group of students in grade 6 - 8 that worked hard at their skill development this year. Students competed for spots on the MS badminton team. Mrs. Holmes had an extremely hard time selecting students to represent BH. The school sent 10 athletes to compete in the MCSAA girls single and double tournaments on April 24th and 26th. The team was very successful at these tournaments. Athletes that made it to the quarter-final round were Hannah Baran, Taylor Maidment, Wendy Kim, Dani Moreau & Katherine Burley, Olivia Keane & Julia Johnson, and Olivia & Claire Meier. Claire Meier and Olivia Meier were our top team and came home with 1st place medals in the grade 7 girls' doubles tournament. Julia Johnson and Olivia Keane also played in this tournament and placed 3rd, losing 21-19 to a strong opponent. Congratulations to all players and to all students that participated in the middle school badminton practices. It was a great season!

The senior school badminton team was coached by Mr. Kerr and the athletes did extremely well at the zone tournament. We had one player, McKenzie Trann, advance to the provincial championships where she faced tough opponents that ended up being top players at the provincials. The team had a great season and did a great job representing BH at the zone tournaments.

Ultimate

The Blazers Ultimate team enjoyed another successful season in the MODS high school league. The co-ed team, which includes players from St. Paul's High School, finished with an 11-4 record throughout the season and finished 9th in the Provincials Tournament.

Track & Field

Again this year we had a great day at the track at our Grant Park track and field meet. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers that assisted us with the meet. Thirty-five grades 6, 7 and 8 students that placed in the top three in each event competed at the Knights of Columbus track meets on June 11th and June 14th. We had many students walk away with medals and personal best finishes at the meet. Congratulations girls!

Seven senior school students competed at the zone meet on May 14th. The day was a hot one with 29 degree weather and we had a few girls qualify for the finals and win medals. Three athletes qualified for the provincial championships; Rebecca Babiak, Makenzie Taylor and Alex Trann. Makenzie was the only athlete to compete at the Provincial Championships in Selkirk, MB.

Golf

This team expanded this year with 12 girls participating in the two golf outings that we had prior to the zone tournament. The team placed 2nd in the zone golf championship that was played in September.

Golf Club

The golf club was once again introduced into the flex period schedule for all MS students. This year was a huge success as students that had not ever played before came out to learn. Mrs. Holmes was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm for this sport. The physical education department was able to purchase, through the annual fund, more indoor golf mats and putting equipment to enhance the program that was started by Breanne Fredette '11. We have also ordered an indoor putting mat for the gymnasium floor.

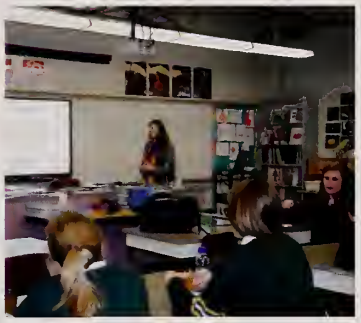
Community Service

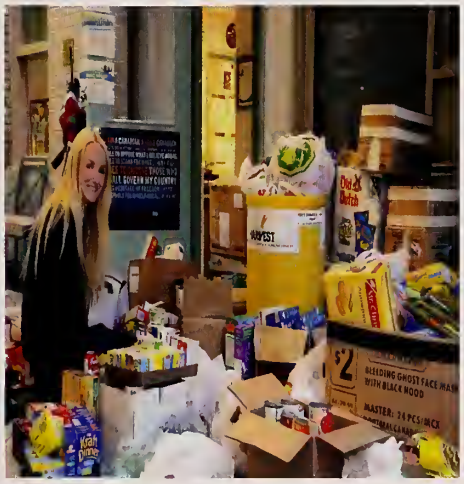
Community Service Message

Community Service/Green Prefect
Stephanie Enns

I am extremely thankful that I had the opportunity to be the Community Service and Green Prefect this year. Planning events for the student body with the rest of student council gave me great satisfaction. The community is exceptionally important, especially in terms of volunteerism and the environment, which is why I enjoyed my prefect position so much.

I had the opportunity to help plan the Girls for the Cure Walk, a very meaningful day at Balmoral Hall, as well as many assemblies throughout the year. I am particularly proud of the Green Club's E-Waste Drive and Bag Drive. I organized these collections to help keep electronic waste and plastic bags out of the environment. I would like to thank everyone who contributed! It has meant a lot to me being the Chair of Green Club and Youth in Philanthropy this year. Both groups are very close to my heart and it has been a memorable experience working together to make change in our community as a group of young women. Lastly, remember to RUN THE WORLD GIRLS!



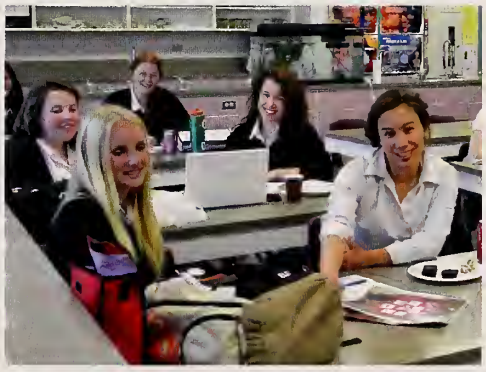


Stephanie Enns collected site-visit questionnaires from the girls after their visits

I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to lead our YiP group this year. We worked very hard to have a successful program and everyone was motivated to make a difference in our community. We started the year off by breaking off into values groups to address specific areas of interest. We then researched organizations within the city and made site visits to investigate whether the organizations could use a grant. After much discussion, the YiP group made their decisions and we granted over $5,000 to some very deserving charitable organizations. Throughout the year we were able to learn about the community around us and look into what kinds of services the organizations in our community have to offer. For the year-end celeration, I created the Wheel of Fortune to acknowledge the hard work of all the YiP members and where we donated the money. It was a pleasure working with all the YiPpers this year and being able to see their passion at every meeting. Thank you for the wonderful year girls!
By Stephanie Enns

"A group of young women working towards a common goal of creating positive change in their community."

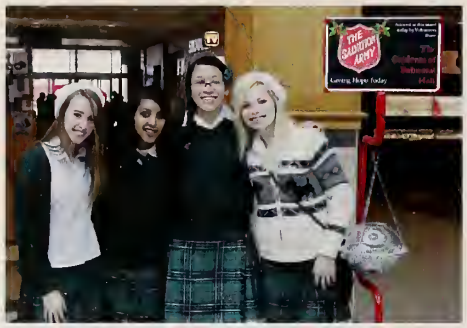
Alanna Flom and Kaitlyn McIntosh reflected on their first year in YiP



The YiP committee wrote thank-you letters to send to the organizations receiving grants

Kaitlyn Scott and Celina Penny enjoyed their first year in YiP

Day of Giving



Sarah Gage, Shradha Moudgil, Lexy Müller Morán and Bailey Robinson helped raise money for the Salvation Army Kettle

On the Day of Giving, we started out by making gift bags for the elderly at Misericordia Place. We made cards, pen holders and gave them snacks. It was a great experience. Little did we know, that this was just the start of a terrific day. Once we got to Misercordia Place, we started visiting rooms and giving people the gift bags. We chatted and sang for them too. Over the whole time we were there, we loved talking with the people. Some people were a bit hard to understand, but they were nice to talk to. The time we spent visiting meant a lot to not only them, but to us as well.
By: Reese Precourt

Kady Huang, Julia White, Claire Hughes, and Jill Karlowsky sorted pasta at Winnipeg Harvest

Volunteers gathered in the distribution area of the warehouse

Danielle Moreau and Sophie Joyal created beautiful crafts

Ms. Moeller helped students write meaningful cards

Holiday Party

Childcare students were comfortable in their pjs for holiday mufti day

Noelle Verry, Stephanie Enns, Ashley Buckle, and Simran Theati helped at the holiday party

Students from the different schools worked together to make their crafts

Volunteers played getting-to-know-you games with the students

Senior school volunteers and Ms. Akerstream set up the craft tables

Majda Al Salmi and Mila Tielmann made paper gingerbread men

On the last day of school, Balmoral Hall and Mulvey School students joined together in the large gym for a day of fun! They were decked out with their fun holiday attire and were eagerly waiting for the activities to begin. It was a wonderful event filled with crafts and delicious treats! They had some great performances in the theatre and even a visit from Santa! Staff, students and prefects had an amazing time volunteering and making new friends. It was a great way to start off the holiday!
By: Kristin Smith

Green Club

The Green Club has had a very successful 2011/2012 year! I have been so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with an amazing group of girls who are so passionate about the environment. The Green Club is made up of girls from middle and senior school. We meet once a cycle and plan ways to raise awareness about environmental issues. This year we came up with the idea of doing an E-Waste Drive and a Plastic Bag Drive. These two drives were so successful that we decided to do a Plastic Water Bottle Drive during Earth Week as well. This was made into a contest to see which homeroom could collect the most plastic bottles for a prize. It was an intense competition but the Grade 7 class won. These three very successful drives would not have been possible without student support. I want to thank everyone who made a contribution!
By Stephanie Enns

Junior School students, Éliana Rodrigues, Mikayla McLeod and Avery Fletcher, promoted recycling

Makenzie Taylor and Kaitlyn McIntosh looked to see where paper is discarded

Simran Theathi helped clean out the flowerbeds during Earth Week

Earth Week is a major school-wide event the Green Club plans. This year we did lots of fun activities to get people motivated to show concern towards the environment. A very popular activity is Sweater Day. This is a day where we turn down the heat so that we are not wasting energy. The girls get the opportunity to wear any sweater they want for the whole day. Another favourite is Turn-Out-The-Lights Day. On this day we turn out the atrium lights and the lights in classrooms. During Earth Week a group of girls from the Green Club also went outside to clean out the flowerbeds. We picked up garbage and dead leaves that were concealing the soil. Another activity we planned was a Movie and Popcorn at flex. The movie picked was Earth. It is a very inspiring movie that teaches us to respect the world we live in. Finally, we ended the week off with a lovely Waste-Free Lunch. Students were encouraged to bring reusable bags and containers for lunch and the cafeteria supported the 'waste-free' day as well. Overall, Earth Week was a great success. By Stephanie Enns

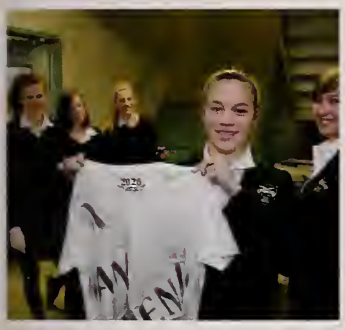
The Grade 7 class was awarded cupcakes for their contribution to the plastic bottle drive

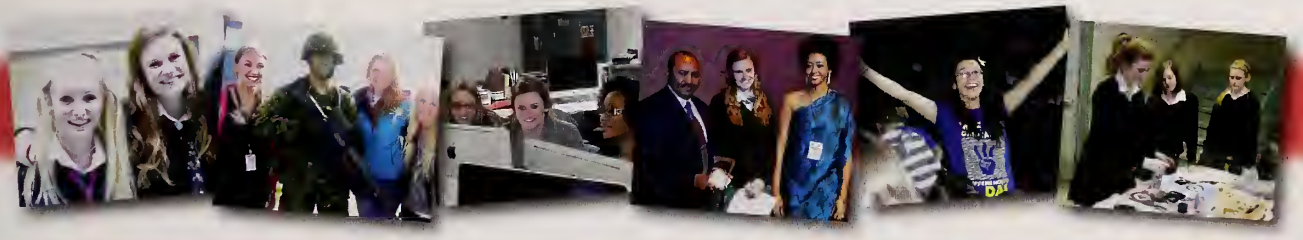
GLOBAL AWARENESS

Emily Silcox

Global Awareness Prefect
Noelle Verry

It has been the most amazing year being your first ever Global Issues Prefect, and I'm so proud of all of our accomplishments! I have had the wonderful experience of running the activist group, Girls for the World and have participated in events such as: We Day, Vow of Silence, and the 23 Hour Famine. I am especially proud of receiving the grant of $1,000 to run our program with the Refugee Employment Centre. I have been truly blessed to be able to lead such a committed group who care about what is happening globally. I have also had the best time working with our awesome and dedicated council members to create some memorable moments for you girls (i.e. FIESTA TIME) this year. I would like to thank Mrs. McGill-Horn and everyone involved in the success of Girls for the World and everyone at Balmoral Hall for supporting us! BH is truly one of a kind, so make sure to take advantage of all your opportunities available, and continue making a difference in the future! Run the World, Girls!





Girls for the World

Ugandan school teachers Aida Kainza, Samuel Kirya, and headmistress Jane Kanslime spoke to the Girls for the World committee

Vow of Silence

Noelle Verry made the 'Vow of Silence' T-shirts for the girls participating in the event

Gloria Lambeta held up her shirt to see the end product

Girls for the World is a social activist group that focuses on the involvement and awareness of global acts around the world. Over 50 girls from grades 9-12 came together to participate in activities such as: Halloween for Hunger, the Vow of Silence, We Day, Amnesty International, letter writing and the 23 Hour Famine. These would not have been possible without the help of Ms. McGill-Horn. She has dedicated her time and effort toward making all of these events possible!
By Noelle Verry

23 Hour Famine

The girls at the 23 Hour Famine sat to watch a presentation

Yoga exercises helped everyone relax

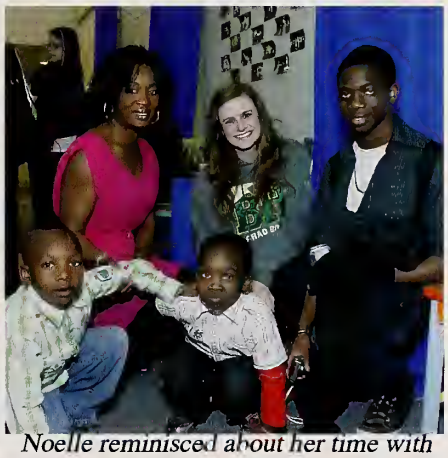
Refugee Night

Ms. McGill-Horn discussed plans with Serge Kaptegaine, Freddy Mahoungou

The Missing Link Program

A special Thank You to Ms. McGill-Horn and Ms. Akerstream

The grade 12s talked to Freddy Mahoungou after the ceremony

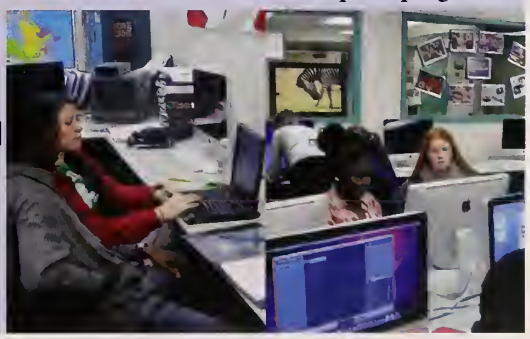


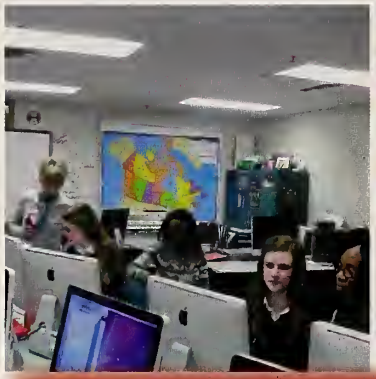
Noelle reminisced about her time with some of the refugees

Ms. McGill-Horn and Noelle presented the refugees with certificates

The Missing Link Program was created this year to enable refugees and immigrants into Manitoba to develop the technology skills that will enable them to develop a career. Balmoral Hall School had the opportunity to pair with the Centre for Refugee Employment and Programme Jeunesse Ici Corps to form the program. The Girls for the World group at BH has always wanted to be able to directly help our global community, and this was the perfect opportunity. The involvement and dedication provided by both the BH students and the participants was incredible. Thank you to everyone for your continued support! By Noelle Verry

Our students worked with the refugees to teach them how to use several computer programs





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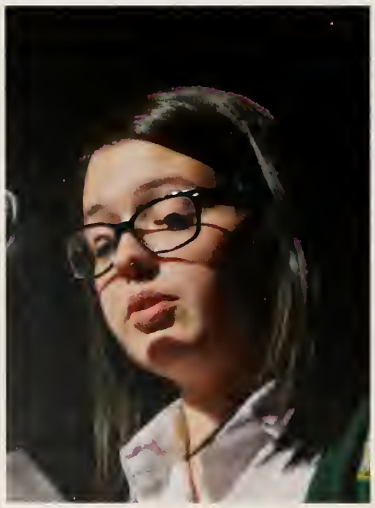
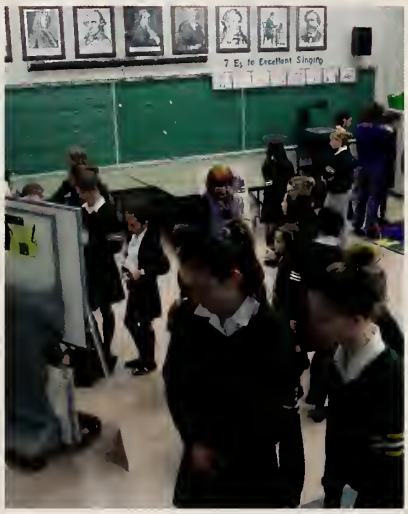




Maple Program

Mitsuki Kato, Haruka Okayama, Miyu Yonekura, Kozue Tani, Mihoko Tomoi, Riho Mortia, Sakura Suzuki and Risa Urchuda

Riho received her school pins from Head Girl Ashley Buckle

Olivia Hwang and Haruka Okayama

Risa Urchuda, Kozue Tani and Miyu Yonekura and their grade 3 buddies

On April 9th, eight students from Shizuoka Eiwa, our sister school in Japan, joined the students at Balmoral Hall for the remainder of the school year. In addition to English Language classes, Canadian Studies, and their Japanese correspondence courses, the Maple Girls enjoyed many Winnipeg attractions including the Winnipeg Art Gallery, Rainbow Stage, and a Goldeyes' Game. The girls enjoyed sharing their own Japanese traditions with their Maple Buddies in Grade 3, as well as with the middle and senior school students during a Japanese cultural sharing activity at flex. The gracious homestay families of the girls welcomed them into their homes to live the Canadian lifestyle which included celebrating birthdays and experiencing Canada Day. Thank you to the girls and the homestay families who created the special learning experiences and proudly showcased our Canadian culture for the enthusiastic students of Shizuoka Eiwa. By Carissa Nikkel

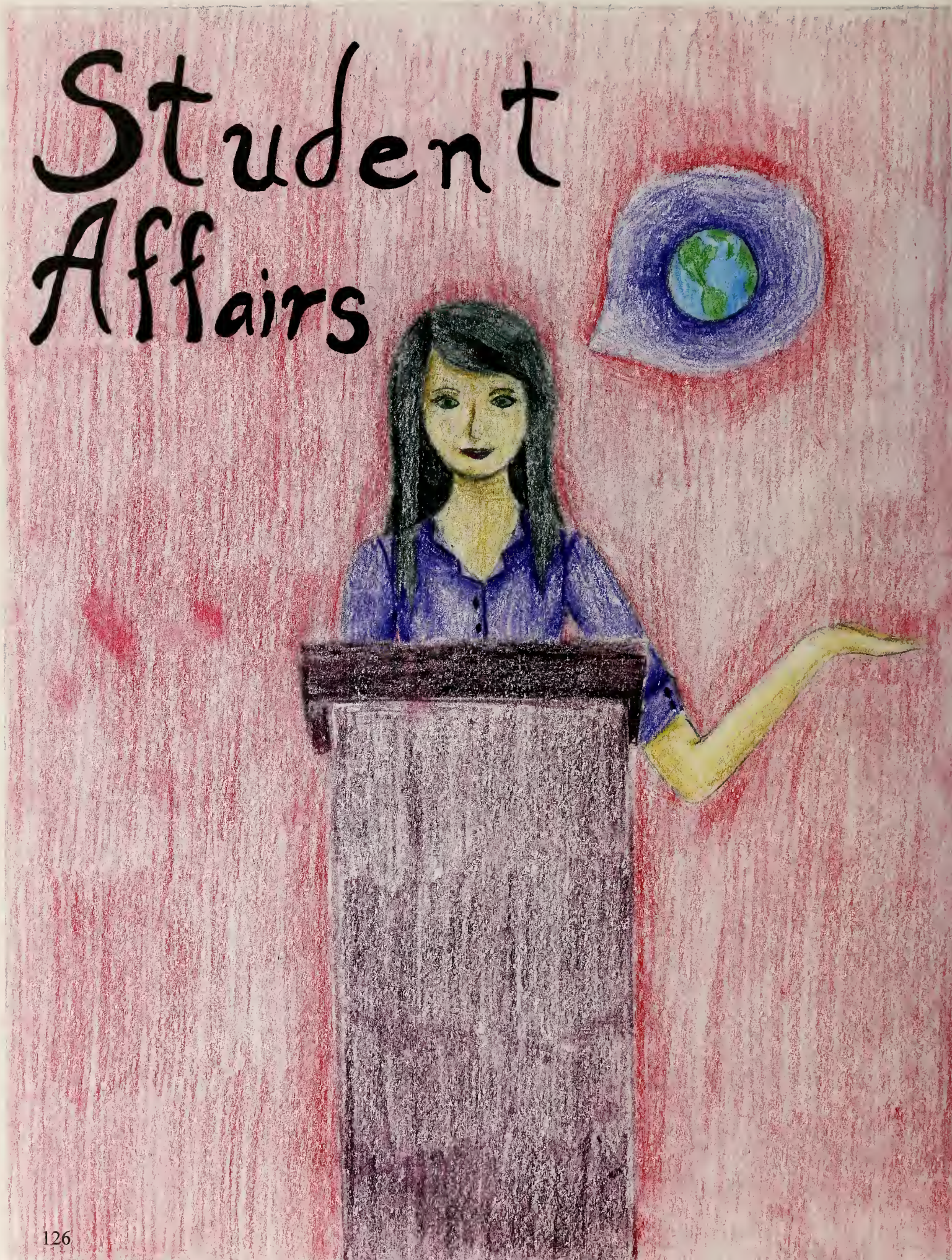
Residence sleepover

Omnikin Ball in gym

Ice cream outing

Roller skating with residence

Student Affairs



Student Affairs Message

Student Affairs Prefect
Dana Tomchyshyn

From the bottom of my heart it was an absolute honour to have been your Student Affairs prefect this year. While I arrived a little late to the debating/public speaking party, I felt accepted and encouraged enough to pursue the Student Affairs position on council. I initially desired to simply spend time helping Mrs. Smith out with the debating and public speaking programme. I not only accomplished this, but I also learned more about the inner-workings of the debating/public speaking world, spoke to the entirety of the Balmoral Hall school and community during assemblies and on numerous other occasions, helped plan amazing school wide activities, and got to work with intelligent, strong-willed, and dedicated individuals on student council to make an impact on the student body. The debating and public speaking programme at BH is widely supported and loved, and I know that it will continue to flourish for many years to come. Working on student council has been an extremely rewarding experience that I will be forever grateful for. Cheers!

Debate

Ella Thomson competed in Australia at the World's Debating Championships and finished 4th in the World in the Debating category and 16th overall

Ella Thomson and Jaclyn Flor at Nationals in Montreal

It's been another amazing year of debating and public speaking at Balmoral Hall! The International Independent Schools Public Speaking Championship kicked off the debating season with Ella Thomson, Jaclyn Flom and Ashley Buckle attending the competition in Vancouver. From there, debaters attended competitions provincially, nationally in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, and internationally in Brisbane, Australia! Additionally, Balmoral Hall hosted two tournaments this year, Rupert's Land and the Junior Provincials, both of which were a success. This was an amazing year for both senior and junior debaters. All of the debaters would like to thank Mrs. Smith for all of the hard work she's done. We really appreciate the effort that she's put into the program and we absolutely could not have done it without her!
By Ella Thomson

The senior debaters gave a demonstration on basic debating to the grade 5s

The Junior Debate Team and Mrs. Smith at a debating tournament held at St. Paul's High School

Debaters from Grades 7, 8 and 9 at the SJR Junior Debate Tournament

The Senior Debate Team participated in the Rupert's Land Tournament held annually at Balmoral Hall. Jaclyn Flom placed first overall

This year has been amazing for the Debating and Public Speaking program at BH. There were many tournaments for both junior and senior participants. It was a successful year, with teams placing very well in their categories, and had the opportunity to travel nationally and internationally. Ella Thomson and myself were very fortunate to debate in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. We also had Leah Bernhardt, Rithikha Rajamohan, Alanna Flom and Josie Feltham speaking in Halifax. We were all very proud to see Ella attend the Worlds competition in Australia, an amazing experience for her. Not only did the debate program have success in Senior School, but Middle School worked very hard at both provincial tournaments, and in the debate club. All year they worked on learning new skills to help them in the future. The skills and techniques of debating also spread to Junior School, where grade 4 and 5 students did very well at presenting speeches and refuting one another in their club. The experiences had in public speaking this year was fun, and will no doubt continue to be stronger than ever in the years to come.

By Jaclyn Flom

Alanna Flom, Rithikha Rajamohan, Jocelyn Feltham and Leah Bernhardt traveled to Nova Scotia for the Donahoe Cup

Jaclyn Flom, Ashley Buckle, Ella Thomson and Mrs.Smith at the Internationals in Vancouver

Ella Thomson, Marissa Woods, Cristina Mace and Jaclyn Flom at the Angus Reid Debate Tournament at St. Paul's High School

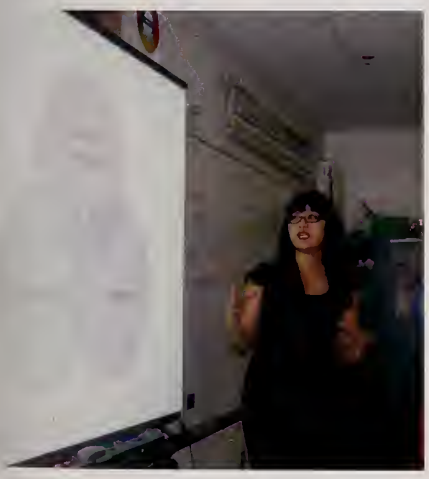
Ella Thomson, Jaclyn Flom, Kady Evanyshyn and Alanna Flom at the registration table for Junior debaters at the Junior Provincial Championships held at Balmoral Hall

Alumnae

Alumnae Message

Alumnae Prefect
Yasmin Elzayat

I had the most amazing year as the Alumnae prefect working with some amazing women that had walked the same BH halls as I do today! I have had the honour of representing the class of 2012 and I will keep in contact with all of you as we all strive to accomplish our goals! Ladies, definitely expect a phone call from me in ten years! Working with this years prefects has been amazing! They are a truly dedicated and inspiring group of women that I know will achieve great things in the future. I wish all the luck to next years Alumnae Prefect! To all of you that have yet a year to graduate, I leave you with this message: you have no idea how much BH means to you until you are where I am now. Seize every opportunity you have next year to make it an unforgettable one because there truly is no place like Balmoral Hall! I will miss my BH family terribly and I cannot begin to describe how much this family has helped me! I owe all of you so much and I will never forget you! Love, Yasmin Elzayat



Katie Eva and Chloe Vickar
BH 2011

Ashley Stedman. Mrs. Friesen and Kamal Dhillon
BH 2011

Home for the Holidays

Adrianna Militano BH 2011 chatted with Mrs. Shyka and Ms. McGill-Horn

Nora Fien and Shanleigh Thompson
BH 2008

Chloe Vickar BH 2011
and Ms. Kirk

Olivia Zaporzan,
Robin Zajac
BH 2008
and Mrs. Kamins

Vanessa Mancini and
Jaime Rosin
BH 2005

Mrs. McDonald was thrilled to have
a number of her Spanish class
BH 2004 alumnae return
to reminisce

Alumnae Give Back

Liza Cordova, BH97 studied at the University of Manitoba and completed a Bachelor of Science in 2003. She continued with her studies and received a Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy in 2007. Liza offered her insight about how her experience has directed her towards a lifetime of helping people. In May 2011, she opened Cordova Physiotherapy. She provides pain management and injury rehabilitation to her patients. Liza enjoys starting as an entrepreneur and working as a physiotherapist. She also returned to be a panel member at student interviews.

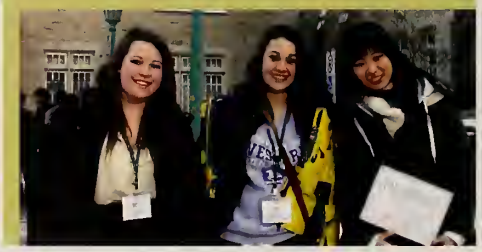
Dr. McQuade, BH 1967, graduated in 1984 from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, following completion of her Bachelor of Science at the University of Manitoba in 1980. In her "previous life", Dr. McQuade was a medical laboratory technologist for 10 years. Four students took the opportunity to visit Best Friends Animal Hospital where Dr. McQuade graciously invited us to tour. On the tour, we learned about employee education, surgery procedures, animal nutrition maintenance, medications, preventative practices and in-hospital care.

Lauren Stone, BH05, spoke to Mrs. Smith's debate class. She graduated from Queen's University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts Honors in Political Studies with a focus on Foreign Policy and International Relations. Coming home to Winnipeg, she has worked as a lobbyist for the beef industry in Manitoba for 3 years. Working the political front, both provincially and federally, she presents policy positions to governments and stakeholders that focus on economic productivity, environmental sustainability, and international competitiveness.

Leah (Wong) Gunther BH04, is a Masters student and part-time biomedical engineer. She achieved a degree from the University of Manitoba in Biosystems Engineering. She explained to students that during her experiences as an undergrad, she developed a passion for rehabilitation engineering. In 2010, she was given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with engineers, clinical researchers, and orthopaedic surgeons in the biomedical device industry, specializing in product development and material screening for hip and knee implants.

Nathania van Kuik Fast, BH03 graduated from the University of Manitoba with a major in Psychology and a minor in Linguistics in 2008. From 2008 - 2010 she completed her Master's in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Alberta. For her thesis, she interviewed children who stutter about their experiences with bullying and coping strategies. She presented her educational experiences.

Jenna Brown BH08 met with students about the Ivey Business School and University of Western Ontario experience

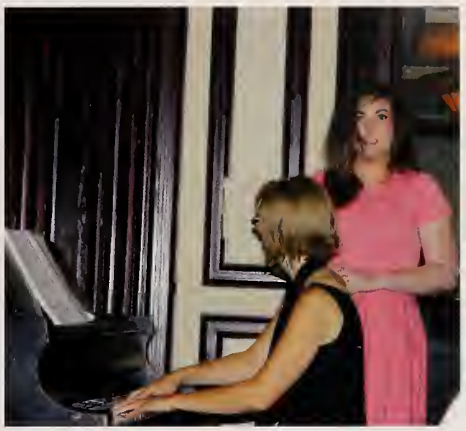


Alex Campbell BH08 spoke to Vanessa Bermisa and Jillian Hedden about her education in engineering

Ashley Fredette, BH 09 was a lifer at BH. Since then, she has been working towards her Bachelor of Music at the Canadian Mennonite University, with a focus on vocal performance and music education, now in her third year. Ashley came to speak to students about how studying music has taken her to great heights, expanding her repertoire immensely in all time periods of classical music and opera, in up to seven languages. She thinks of her BH family often and was happy to share her experiences.

Visiting Alumnae

Alumnae from the Toronto area visited with new alumnae coordinator Genevieve Cloutier



Cella Lao Rousseau BH 2011 treated guests at the 2012 graduation dinner to her powerful voice

Former students from Mrs. Friesen's first class returned fo her retirement tea

Rupert's Land and Riverbend School alumnae came "home" to Aikins House for a reunion

Genevieve Delaquis met with alumnae in Vancouver, British Columbia

Many grads bring their dolls back when they visit

Graduates from as far back as 2007 returned to participate in an annual competition between past and present prep players

2011 graduates, Chloe Vickar, Colleen Furlan, Katie Eva and Liz White cheered on the ultimate frisbee team

Public Relations Grad Message

This year has truly gone by in the blink of an eye. Grad 2012 is just around the corner! I have been honored to be a part of the 2011/2012 student council, but more importantly, I have absolutely loved being your Public Relations and Grad Prefect! To my fellow council members, thank you for a wonderful year. We all worked so closely together and planned so many fantastic activites such as "Balmoral Hall presents, Fiesta Time!" I truly believe that we pulled off a very successful year, and that was because of each and every one of you! To the class of 2012, I couldn't be more proud to call you my family. We have had an amazing year, one of the best, and I am very sad that it is coming to an end. I will cherish my Balmoral Hall memories as the Public Relations and Grad Prefect of 2011/2012. I have loved every moment of grade 12 and would not have it any other way. To the grade 11 class, have an amazing time next year, and cherish every moment "running your world!" Grade 12 goes by so fast, do not waste any moment! XO Hailey Hooke

Public Relations/Grad Prefect
Hailey Hooke

University Fair

In November, Balmoral Hall hosted the Canadian University Fair. It was an amazing evening that brought 36 universities from across the provinces together to give out information to students and answer any questions they had. Booths for each university were set up in the Athletic Centre, and certain universities had individual presentations, too. The representatives from each school were very informative, not only about their own school, but about the university application process in general. They were able to provide very in depth information, and there was rarely a question that went unanswered. The students that attended certainly left with a handful of view books and a load of information to aid them in their university decisions. It was a great experience for all!
By Jaclyn Flom

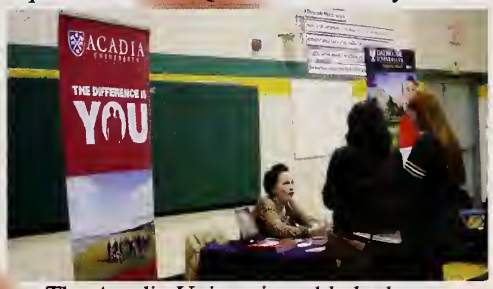
Kady Evanyshyn and Jaclyn Flom were interested in the Ivey Business School

Huron University College offered information at their booth to CC Wannan

Kathryne Roller and Jessie McTaggart asked questions at the Quenn's University booth

Kaitlin McGill gathered useful information from the Brandon University table

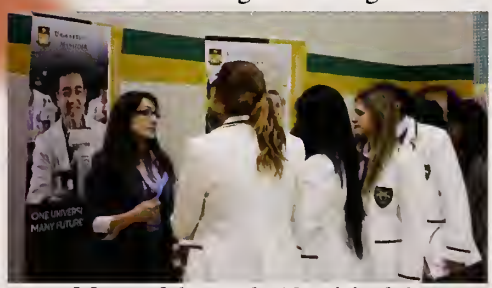
The senior gym was filled with booths from different universities from across Canada



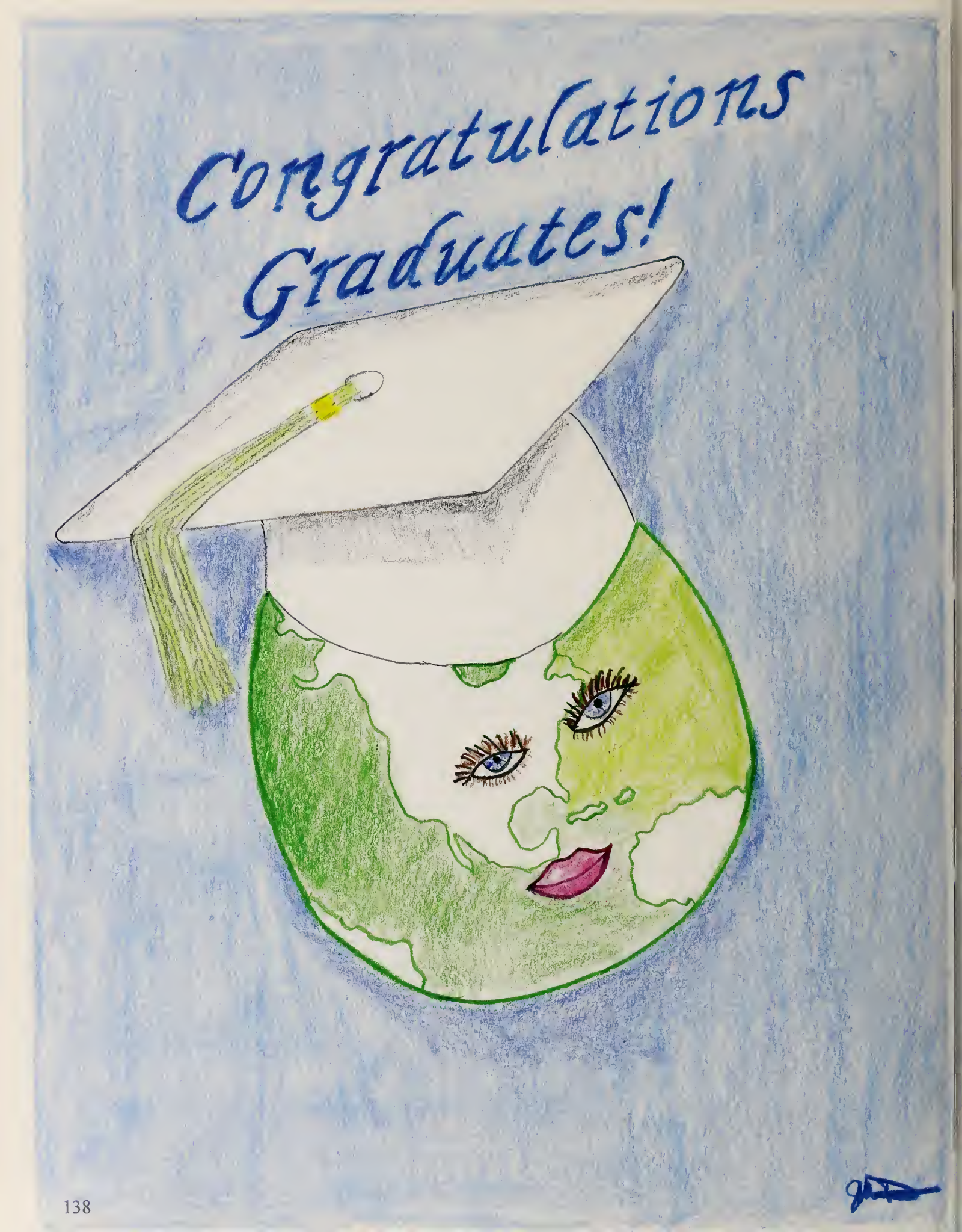
The Acadia University table had many visitors throughout the night

The University of Waterloo table was very popular among the students

Kady Huang waited to speak to the representative from McGill University



Many of the grade 12s visited the University of Manitoba booth


Congratulations
Graduates!

Zubaida Al-Khashab

Zuzu,

I can't believe you and I have only known each other for three years. BH will be darker only because your bright smile won't be around to brighten the halls. Your bubbly personality and your amazing sense of humor will be missed at BH but I am really happy they are following me to University. There are way too many memories that I have with you that I don't know where to start. I could talk about the 6 hour pre-calc seminar that you came with me to –sorry again, or I could talk about our picture with Santa. Any memory we have together brings me to tears because I am laughing so hard. High school may be over but our times together have just begun. Good luck next year, because I will be there asking you a million questions on everything! Lots of Love – Kait

Rebecca Babiak

Rebecca! We're so happy you came to BH last year, even though we all secretly hate you for being such a genius. You're honestly the smartest person we know, and the both of us will be awaiting your debut article in Scientific American. Calculus would not have been the same without you and your hilarious comments! We are basically the same person (from Noelle) and I can't believe we discovered it through those awesome personality quizzes last year. Thanks for enduring the rides in the 'sienna' and making us laugh for 4 straight hours while shopping. Don't worry, we are still so down to shindig this summer; we will make Yasmin come! We are going to miss your honest personality next year, but best of luck in NYC. We love you and we'll miss you! @ NiallOfficial lovers for life.

Love: Noelle and Yasmin

Gabriella Balog

My Love/Lover Bear/ Guhbee,

Remember how that 'my love' came to be? How funny is it that now it's just automatic that we call each other that? I don't know what else to say besides I am so happy that we got so close over the past few years because we seriously had some of the best times. You are so lawl and I love you so much. I can't believe that we never really hung out before but I am happy that we now have our regular sush dates and are able to talk about anything and everything. I don't know what I am going to do without you in my math class or how I am going to survive without spending a whole day with you once a cycle. I promise that if we stay in touch, I will never leave without saying goodbye to you first. Who is cute? You are! Who will miss you? I will. Love, Your love, Ericka

Katrina Barkwell

Little Bean,

It's impossible to even fit a quarter of what I want to write into this little paragraph, so I'll just highlight a few important memories. Yurt Camp. Enough said. From there, the rest is history. What haven't we been through? These past 6 years have just flown by and it's crazy to think that it has only been 6 years when it feels like a lifetime. The only thing missing is a room for you and then you'll really be a part of my family. As cheesy as it sounds, you really are a sister to me. I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for me and for putting up with me over the years. Grade 12 was probably one of our toughest years ever but we made it! I couldn't have done it without you. See you next month for Hot Tub Time Machine. You will always be my main man.

Love, Ep.

Sara Barnabé

Barnes,

What can I say? When I look back on our years at BH together, the first thing that comes to mind is grade 9 math. What a gongshow that was! I'll never forget sitting behind you as you whipped out snack after snack from the bottomless pouch at the front of your backpack. Or how about that collection of stickers you were creating from all the stickers Ms. K gave you? You were too funny back then, and still are now. I am beyond happy that you came back for grade 12 and that I got to graduate with you. Words cannot express how much I love my little gingy and how terribly I'll miss you. Promise me that when you make it to the Olympics playing for Team Canada that you'll remember your math and English buddy. "Ay un pollo en mi casa!". Love you lots & lots, Ericka.

Ashley Buckle

Ayo, you're the flyest six-foot ginger in the room, ya you know it's you. Gurl, we've been there from the Rumor to the Kyocera to the iPhone and it's been quite a ride. We'll never forget those craycray pool parties and our trips to Juicy to find the perfect gift. Thanks for sticking with us through our insane obsessions and don't worry gurl, we'll always support you (Rob, giraffes, Alan, Miley, and let's not forget econ). Our outdoor excursions brought us closer together as we bonded over smores, portaging, and falling off cliffs. The late-night drives through McDonald's would not have been as entertaining without you and we've loved the progression from the mudslide to tubing in the winter. There's never been a dull moment with you around and even though you're going away to uni, we will have weekly skype dates to catch up with our future lawyer.

Love ya- Sim, NoeNoe, Steph

Hye Joon (Sophia) Cho

Sopho Cho, so you came to Canada for one day and you decided to stay with us for 6 years. It's been a crazy time and we're surprised you even put up with us for that long. Although you tried to share your knowledge of how you seemed to get out of homework, we couldn't all use "I am INTERNATIONAL STUDENT". Thank you for giving us nightmares when "free time, fun time" in gym class turned into you telling us the scariest ghost stories in the corner of the gym. Btw where did you get all of your outfits...oh wait, they're all from Korea. Thanks for giving us the inside scoop on everything that happened in residence. We seriously cannot believe you are going to Quebec for university. We are all sad that you're leaving Winnipeg; it's awesome that we have an excuse to visit you. Love A, S, S, Y, N

Kathleen Cook

Kathleeeeeen! So, we started being friends when you took pity on me and gave me your five-alive juicebox when I was complaining about being thirstier than I had ever been before in my life. It sounds like we were 5 at the time, but we both know that we were 16; two very mature 16 year olds. Our insane amount of spares last year basically meant that we spent them all together eating food (fermenting apples, PB&J sandwiches, and juiceboxes, of course) and talking about boys in front of the fire place. That was the best part about hours of endless spares! You're adorable, crazy, hilarious, and I just realized that this sounds like a love letter to you (don't tell Claire, I would hate to be a home-wrecker). Seriously though, I am so happy that we got through the end bit of school together.

LOVE YOU BUD, Dana

Astrid Cox

It was 2 years ago, after having some… unforgettable adventures together, that we went our separate ways as we enrolled at different high schools. By the way, remember when we ended up in the Kelvin office together? Well, while attempting to identify the perp to the Constable (who shall remain nameless), I knew that we were going to be best friends forever. Then we ended up here, together. That was odd, but it worked out awesomely nonetheless. Astrid, you're my favourite Swede, the world's #1 trampolinist, and if I ever need to utilize the buddy system, it will be with you. I'll miss you, but you've got to get back to Sweden (and then come back briefly to become Dr. Cox)! Now give 'em heck, kid, I'll be sending you some mail though, don't worry.

Love, Dana!

Demara Davidson

Hey Dems

Wow I can't believe we have been together since grade 1 with Mrs. Hildebrand. 12 years, a few different uniform changes, as well as some tough schoolwork, and a couple different types of graduations later and we are finally GRADUATING (for real this time)! We have so many memories together and hopefully we will make more in the future. I can't believe it took us this long to become close but I am still glad we did! I will never forget you, or your amazing art skills. I will be looking in all of those really cool art magazines waiting to see one of your pieces on the front cover. Good luck in university, I'll miss you lots, keep in touch! Love always, Kait

Meghan Dufault

These past five years have been wild! We started off as LG's with 645's, downing Redbulls, writing notes, and some serious Guitar Hero. We were BFF's from the start. The day I found out you were moving next door was the best day of my life! We still haven't built a connecting tunnel though… Although you left for two years to hangout with sexy hockey boys at Pursuit, I know that our friendship only grew stronger and the days you came home meant even more. This year we've spent so much time together and it's been crazy! I'll forever protect you from creepers as long as you promise to always help me remember our wildest of nights. We've never been closer and I look forward to being best friends for the rest of our lives. I love you to the moon and back and I can't wait to make more memories! Love, CC

Yasmin Elzayat

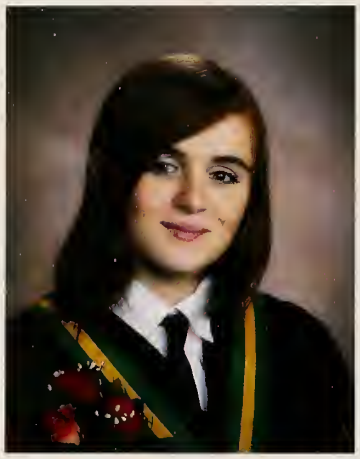
Granny Yasmin, If you were a hockey player your nickname would be Elzy, you would probably have the worst chirps (trash talk) on the team, your celly's (celebrations) would be mediocre and you'd have the greatest flow (hair) on the team! Sitting next to you in Physics and Math/Calc class hosted some of the funniest times I had at BH. Our math debates were always so heated (sorry for getting you kicked out of the IBM lab)! My two years at BH went by so quickly with such an intelligent and inspiring friend (Rebecca)! We think it's fair to say that our phone bills have tripled since we've become friends and that your pashmina scarves and old lady wardrobe are one of a kind. We've had some pretty great memories over the past couple of years and expect them to be put in your quote book. You'll be great at whatever you choose to do but remember that it is only worth it if you love it!

Anyways, #yasminisweird is trending on twitter…gotta go check it out!

Love Rebecca, Noelle, and Simran

Stephanie Enns

Steffie, remember that time you wore your lulu lemon purple sweat-suit to Renaissance? Ever since then you've kinda been the trendsetter of the group and through the years it's evolved from Lulu to Betsey to Christian. But honestly gurl, thanks so much for being so kind to us when we first showed up at BH (Ash & Noe) and thanks for (not) giving me the first invite to all of your birthday parties in junior school (an angry Simran). We've always loved your awesome b-day celebrations (Twilight line up for 2hrs anyone?), but let's face it, the best of them all was when we pulled off that awesome surprise party for you and thought it was a good idea to send you to a spa before dinner (clearly not the best judgment call).
No matter where you go, remember you're never "alone in the universe".
Wuv your three best amigos (Gangsters AB, NV, ST)



Shea Gaynor

I can honestly say that you're the quirkiest person I've ever met, Shea, and it's always been one of my favourite things about you. If I searched the world through, I sincerely doubt I could find another person like you and I feel very lucky to have met you. When I found out your birthday was six days after mine in the same year, my twelve year old self decided we were meant to be friends. In the six years following, I've gotten to know you well and I admire you immensely in many ways. You're confident and intelligent and have an immeasurable passion for life that's going to take you places. I think you know it's been hard for me to wrap my head around the idea that you're off to university next fall while I'm at BH, but I hope that you know I'm proud of you. I don't have any poignant words to share, so instead I'll go with this: avoid handsaws and don't drive in puddles.
Love, Nicole

Hailey Hooke

Hailey!!
We did it, we are finally graduating! This past year we shared so many unforgettable memories that we can now take with us to university. From all the last minute sushi dates, daily Starbucks runs, weekends at your cabin and every moment in between, we have literally been inseparable this year. Next year regardless of where we live, I know we will still end up talking on the phone for hours, laughing at all our questionable ideas this past year (might I remind you off our hot yoga attempts) and planning our next trip to LA. I can't think of a more outgoing, hilarious and dependable best friend than you, and am going to miss not seeing you every day next year. We can, without a doubt, guarantee our obsession with Lauren Conrad and the Kardashians will not change ten years from now but more importantly neither will our friendship.
Love your BFF, Hannah xoxo

Wan-Ting (Anny) Hsu

Anny,
Thank you for being a great sister, I couldn't have asked for a better one. You are a great person and friend. Easter was great this year, I had a lot of fun doing the Easter egg hunt with you around my house and playing with those toys we got. I'm also glad that you learnt that my dad (our dad) isn't a mean, scary person and that he is a nice, funny guy. You now don't have to be nervous when you see him. I am going to miss you when you go away for university.
Love, your little sister - Brittany

Yung-Ching (Teresa) Huang

Teresa!

OMG I can't believe that we're finally graduating! You're an amazing person! I honestly don't know how I'm going to survive Chem next year without our 3 hour skypes! Who am I going to compare my answers with?! I honestly think that you will go far in life, and become a successful with whatever you decide to do later, I wish you all the best, and I will miss you!

Stay in touch, and come visit next year!

Love, Zuzu

Skye Kelly

SKELLY (yelling in that terrible voice of course)! I remember that first time I ever sort of met you was at Team Toba tryouts in Brandon and we were playing hacky sack. Yeah, I thought you were pretty cool – just like that girl from NAHA – so of course I'm going to be too nervous to talk to you (aka girl crush)! But you know what!? The following year I got the pleasure to finally play with you! Man, I could never ever ask for a better D-partner! This year has been unbelievable and I'm super sad that it had to be such a short time. But in that time, we've gotten really close, shared only the best moments together that I will never forget! I'm going to be finding myself dancing and jerking before games next year all BY MYSELF! Everyone will be giving me those funny looks, but I know somewhere down in St. Cloud, you'll be doing the same! I'm going to miss you like cray Skelly, but I know this isn't the end! You're going to do awesome (squeaky voice) next year! I love you to pieces and good luck bestie! I will be seeing you around! Love Danielle

Danielle Leslie

DAN!

I have had an amazing year with you in school and on the ice. We have shared so many great memories and have had a million laughs at each other and with one another. I honestly cannot believe the year is over and we both are going our separate ways but I know that you will rock being an Orange Woman! I will never forget our pre-game dances and our fist pumps we did while sitting in our stalls. That is for sure one thing we will have to do when we are playing on the same day so we can do our rituals. I will miss you so much and we will keep in touch as much as possible. Remember: Look good, feel good, wheel good. Love always, Skye

Halley MacMillan

I remember the first time I met you- sitting upstairs on the third floor ranting about how people mess up your name calling you "Hailley". So you introduced yourself to me saying, "Hi, my name is Halley as in Halle Berry" making sure you exaggerated just enough for me to understand. Ever since then I have known you as H Berry. You are one amazing girl. You're brilliant, creative, funny, caring and loving. You never judge someone from the outside and you're always understanding. You are one of the realest/bestest friends anybody can ask for, and that will take you far in life. Don't give up on anything you believe in because you can do it no matter what people tell you. You are so strong and I know you will get through life just fine. I LOVE YOU SOO MUCH GIRL!!! XOXO, obvi will keep in touch- Jaydog <3

Ericka Müller Morán

My cute little Spanish friend! Your first language may be Spanish, but let's face it, I'm competition. You'll never be able to rep the line "ES UN POYO EN MI CASA" like this little gingy. Other than that I don't know much other than "Hola", "Que tal?", "Si" and "Cerveza". So I think you've got the rest in the bag! I'm very glad I've gotten the chance to spend my last year of high school with you. You're always a bundle of goodness and I appreciate that about you. It's a guarantee that in the future you will be an important part of society. Maybe follow the family tradition and become a doctor? Let me tell you, you'll also be married to a Ryan Gosling look-a-like and you'll be a loving mom to a cluster of babies. I hope the best for you, YOU ROCK DON'T EVER CHANGE. Love, Your cute little gingy friend, Sara. (or also known as Barns)

Kaitlin McGill

Kait,

I can't believe that we're finally graduating! You're an amazing person and a friend, I honestly wish you all the best. We have so many memories together, and more to come especially (Russell Peters)! I will never forget the day you made me go to a 6 hour Pre-Calc seminar, I was not happy... Or the day we de cided to act like 10 year olds and take a picture with Santa! I know that we wil be taking almost the same classes at university, and hopefully we will survive it! Good luck at U of M!

Love,

Zuzu

Ravneet Sangha

Rav/Ron/Rahn/Rahnold McDahnold,

I remember back in grade 10 when you came to the school for the day and I just chatted you up like no tomorrow and you had no idea who I was or what was going on. I think it's safe to say that you know who I am now. We've hac quite the two years together. Drivers is what really brought us closer and you can forever thank Rehka for your fabulous nicknames (I still don't know wha your real name is). From party rocking to the canine unit and everything in between, it has been a blast going to school with you. I am so happy to have graduated with you. Thank you for all the GT's and may our list of insiders continue to grow as we keep in touch throughout the years. Just promise that if we have a get together bonfire, you won't leave at 2:00!

You rock, don't ever change. I love you, Rav. Ericka.

Tracy Schick

Tracy

Coming to BH for your first/last year is tough but you made a name for your self like "Bar Star" (Mechanical Bulls and Wheelin' Bouncers). Your turquois Sunfire with command start was a great set of wheels but you might want to invest in some washer fluid for the winter. I didn't get how you managed to get 90's in school when I always see you downloading movies, commenting on Facebook and/or texting. You were always annoyed with the "cripples" with crutches in homeroom but luckily you were never in homeroom. Hockey was a fun year...getting skated, going to the Outbac Steakhouse (sorry Buffalo Wild Wings), more skating, shopping at Target, skating again, and starving on road trips. I will miss talking to you... well you talking to me. You will do great wherever you go and I'll always think of you when I see a turquoise Sunfire. Love Ya, Woodsie.

Hannah Scott

My dearest Hannah – words cannot describe your personality. I know for a fact that your future holds you becoming a house mother, with two children, a dog, and a white picket fence. I have no doubt that you will start your own reality TV show about your life. From daily Starbucks runs, Meji lunches, attempts to go to the gym, random shopping trips to "redecorate our rooms" to become more "Zen", and of course our Moksha Yoga obsession that lasted no longer than a few months, you have been beside me for everything. The list of our memories could go on and on. You are my best friend and I know that life will take you on a wild journey despite whatever you do. You are one of the smartest girls I know and will be successful with your career choice.
"LYLAS"
Love you, Hailey

Brittany Simmons

Yo B-Town/Brittnaaaaaay! It's Kaitlin here to kick this off. We have been together way too long, we have gone through 13 years of school together, but we felt that wasn't enough so we decided it would be a brilliant idea to go to camp together, and that wasn't enough so we went to all the youth retreats together too. You would think by now we would be tired of each other, but thinking about an entire day with not even a single class with you brings me almost to tears. That was sweet. Oh, it's Dana now. I'm here to tell you how absolutely ridiculously hilarious you are. Dude, I love being around you and your very high level of energy! I may not have known you for the last 13 years like Kait, but I'm so happy that I spent the last 2 with you. We love you Brittany!
-Dana + Kaitlin!

Jayden Skoleski

Oh Jaydo where to begin; I could start off with how amazing you are, talented, smart, kind, goofy, a genuinely good friend but everyone already knows that. I can remember all the wonderful times I've spent with you, which pretty much concludes with us tackling, chasing, or biting each other. You're so patient with everyone especially me and we know that's not always easy I'll admit, but you're always there to listen and stand up for your friends. You may be a bit stubborn at times but that's what makes you, you. You wouldn't be good old Jaydo, Jaydog, Jay, baby face if it wasn't for the personality you bring to school and share with everyone everyday. Also, for those who don't know you, they sure do recognize the tall blond girl with the messy bun and slippers; you pretty much invented the style. We all love you Jay, but me the most! Halley MacMillan

Kristen St. John

I can't believe that we are graduating! I have to say that I had a really good time with you and I'm glad we became friends. I like how we always said we need to be on a diet and workout everyday but we never did and ate so much food after. And I like how we were so crazy about Zac Efron and watched his movies together. I liked to hang out with you on the weekend and go shopping. And I liked how we always studied together and ended up with chatting and got a bad mark on the test… All this fun stuff that we did are great memories to me. No matter where we go in the future, I will never forget you. We will keep in touch and Skype date sometimes :)
Wish you all the best. LOVE YOU! Anny

Cassandra Taylor

Those that don't know Cass personally will remember her as the cute, innocent, hockey girl that would try her best to attend every potluck in the school. This goof is funny as can be and can always doing something to make someone's day feel a little bit brighter even if it's at the cost of her own embarrassment. She tends to flail her arms and scream in the hallways more than most, especially when she realizes she hasn't moved her car…which is more often than you'd think. Cass can always get away with a teacher or friend getting mad at her with her huge smile that you just can't say no to. She is an amazing hockey player and an amazing friend. To sum it up, Cass is a one happy camper and she brought so much fun and joy to our class of 2012 these past years. Halley MacMillan

Simran Theathi

Suppy Sup suup- Remember that time you stayed up all night...oh wait-that was every night. We have to give you credit though; you definitely started a trend of power napping in the bathroom, on the couches and sometimes just in physics class. And when you weren't catching up on your sleep, you were constantly waking the rest of us up on your famous "chocolate highs"... even though you claimed not to like chocolate, it seemed weird that every time you ate a piece you went absolutely crazy. Thanks for always being so generous and sharing those hunneds around (much appreciated-Noelle). Speaking of OCD, how do you feel about hand washing? Speaking of twins, how's mini-Simran doing? Despite our relationship always seeming like a dysfunctional family, you've always been there for us and we'll never lose touch in university. -Gramps, Wifey, Korean Kousin, Ginge Twin and Pale Twin

Dana Tomchyshyn

Dana, Do you remember that first day of Kelvin? When you said that all you wanted to do was graduate and get out? Well we did get out and luckily soone than originally anticipated. However, now that it has actually come time to graduate I'm not sure we are as ready as we were four years ago. Sure, we have listened to plenty of lectures and studied for plenty of tests, but it seems little strange that we should be allowed to just leave now. Then again, I believ it is your motto to be able to choose when you get to leave. I'm glad that you 'chose' to be my friend, when we both had that IB chemistry spare, and I'm glad you chose to switch to schools with me too. W have had some pretty possum times in the past six years, and we, unlike the movie night group will hav to keep being friends for the rest of forever. Love, Astrid

McKenzie Trann

To my Trann Faas,

It has been 14 years since I first met you in junior kindergarten, and I can't believe that 14 years later we are graduating together. We thought we were s cool back in junior school with our floor length tunics, tartan fabric scrunchie and our not meant to be high waisted gym shorts. We have grown up over th years, but somehow I still think of us as those two little junior kindergartens running around in the back field eating honey suckles off the honey suckle bushes. I can't imagine what my years at BH would have been like without you. We have always had such great times together, and have built so many memories from playing Harry Potter in Grade 5 an to having the locker room rack almost squish me to death. You will always be an amazing friend!

Love your tall Faas,

Gabriella (aka Guhhhhbeeee)

Noelle Verry

Noenoe- I don't know if you've ever heard this before but you look like a young Sandra Bullock. Seriously it is hot in here or is it just us? Although we've been friends for the past 7 years (minus those two weeks...), we've come to terms with the fact that we will never have the same relationship with you, as circular does (seriously, you need to wash that thing). Speaking of beauties, how bout' THE LEX? You've provided us with some many memories just in that beautiful thing (cough cough hiding in the back seat camouflaging my face with Simran's Tom -ash) or how about that time you forgot how to get back to the underground parking lot in the middle of the night after the Katy Perry concert. Kay I know our judgements are clouded right now but you're the flyest Christmas tree in the world, and we'll always love you.
–Sim, Ash, Gma, Steph, Soph

Cecilia Wannan

CC, We started being best friends when I first went to BH in grade 8 and have been inseparable since. We have had so many memories together, from biking down Corydon, to shin-digging in Tuxedo. I remember the first time I met you. You were just this little innocent girl with glasses and braces, and now you have grown up into one gorgeous girl. You sense of humor kills me everyday. I remember the nights we'd be laying in bed trying to fall asleep but we would be laughing so hard for no reason and we couldn't stop. We have been through a lot together and that has made us even closer. When I was away for two years we stayed best friends and that proves that even though we are going our separate ways next year. We will still be best friends forever. Meghan Dufault

Taylor Woods

Hey Woodsie,
I've known you since we were 13 years old and we've shared some amazing times together. From the time I met you I knew you were crazy. Like seriously who else would bring Nintendo Wii on every hockey tournament and could show up anyone who tried to play you. And now here we are in our last year of high school graduating together. Next year will bring bigger and better opportunities that you've worked ridiculously hard for, and you most certainly deserve them! The countless hours you put in studying and working out has got you to great places, and will continue to take you to even better places. I've never seen someone who is as motivated and determined to succeed and do well in life as you, and I'm happy to have you as my friend. Good luck in the years to come! Love you lots, Tracy

Run Your World!

Doll Assembly

The grade 12s joined the school in singing the well known Best Friends song one last time

Brittany Simmons and her mother spent time together after she received her doll

Ravneet Sangha, Tracy Schick and Kaitlin McGill were excited to receive their hand made dolls with personal touches

Maria Reimer from the Alumnae Association presented the Grade 12s with engraved memory keys

Hailey Hooke clutched her doll with joy as she walked to join her fellow grade 12s

The Müller-Moran family with their past and present dolls

Ashley Buckle showed off the similar hair colours of her doll and herself

Gabriella Balog and Natalie Bennett enjoyed the celebrations of the day

The prep hockey graduates gathered with their dolls as a team

The grade 12s enthusiastically sang along to Best Friends

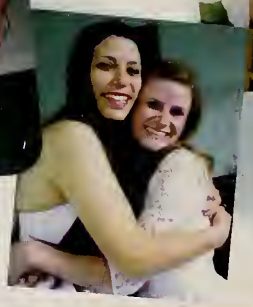
Residence students gathered for a "family shot"

The grade 12 Lifers proudly showed off their long anricipated dolls

Congratulations Lifers

Kaitlin McGill
McKenzie Trann
Gabriella Balog
Simran Theathi
Brittany Simmons
Hannah Scott
Katrina Barkwell
Demara Davidson
Stephanie Enns
Residence Lifer
Sophia Cho

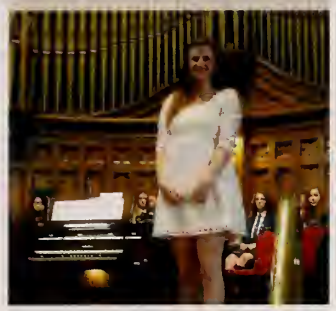
Convocation



Ashley Buckle

Barbara Honey Scholarship, awarded to a student of exemplary character, with high academic standing, who shows qualities of commitment and dedication to the full life of BH

Noelle Verry



University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship, Best "all-round" grade 12 student

Elizabeth Patton Memorial Shield, for leadership, dependability, friendliness and courtesy, a conscientious worker, taking part in games and rendering service to the School

Brittany Simmons

Gabriella Balog

Robert M. Shaw Memorial, to a student in the Senior Choir with strong musical skills and positive leadership and the Jessie May Carter Riverbend for outstanding progress in French

Steven B. Fejes Volunteer of the Year, for an outstanding student who demonstrated exemplary volunteer commitment and Riverbend School Sports Trophy for interhouse

Kaitlin McGill

Rav Sangha

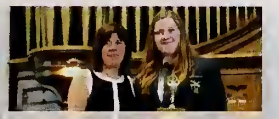
Accepted the House Trophy on behalf of members of the BALLATER House

Danielle Leslie

Rosemary Gordon Condo Memorial, for qualities of kindness and consideration for others

Bryn Koehn

Betty (Holden) Buggey RLS '26 Scholarship, awarded to a student with a passion for skating



Sam Moreau

Jacqueline Anderson Award, for outstanding sportsmanship and leadership in sports

Patricia Navarro

Laura Milner White Volunteer, for a student whose enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to improve the life of children

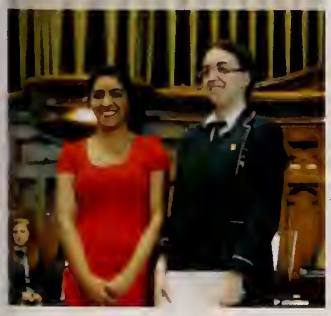
Julia M. Adamson Memorial Foundation, for a Canadian History student, the N. Thomas Russell Award and the Rupert's Land Competition top student

Jaclyn Flom

Ariana Meyers Excellence in Public Speaking and Debating Scholarship for qualities of commitment towards the debating program and the G. Harold Aikins Award, to a student who has contributed to the Science and Technology Program also the Head of School Award for grade 11

Ella Thomson

Leah Bernhardt



Dhillon Family Debating Award for a student who has achieved success in the Debating & Public Speaking Program

Ossama AbouZeid Scholarship, for the highest standing in math and science combined and is committed to pursuing excellence in these areas

Eleanor Fascione

Garden Party

Following convocation, graduates return to the school for a garden party with their families, friends and teachers. Everyone enjoys mingling to congratulate our new graduates.

Meghan Dufault and CC Wannan

Cassandra Taylor and Mrs. Holmes

Danielle Leslie with her mom and an old friend visiting from Toronto

Brittany and Pam Simmons

Ms. Kirk and Hannah Scott

Tracy Schick and mom were excited for her graduation day to finally arrive

Ericka Muller Moran and Brittany Simmons visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cook and their new twins, Rhys and Dylan

Kaitlin McGill shared her day with her grandfather

Ashley Buckle and Simran Theathi

Taylor Woods spent time with Coach Hedley and Skye Kelly's family

Handprints

For over 40 years, graduates have left their mark on the yard outside of residence. This long standing tradition cements the memory of our graduates in our minds and hearts.

Sophia Cho, Kristen St. John, Anny Hsu

Noelle Verry, Jayden Skoleski, Cassandra Taylor

Taylor Woods made her mark then prepared to clean up

Ericka Muller Moran, Simran Theathi Rebecca Babiak

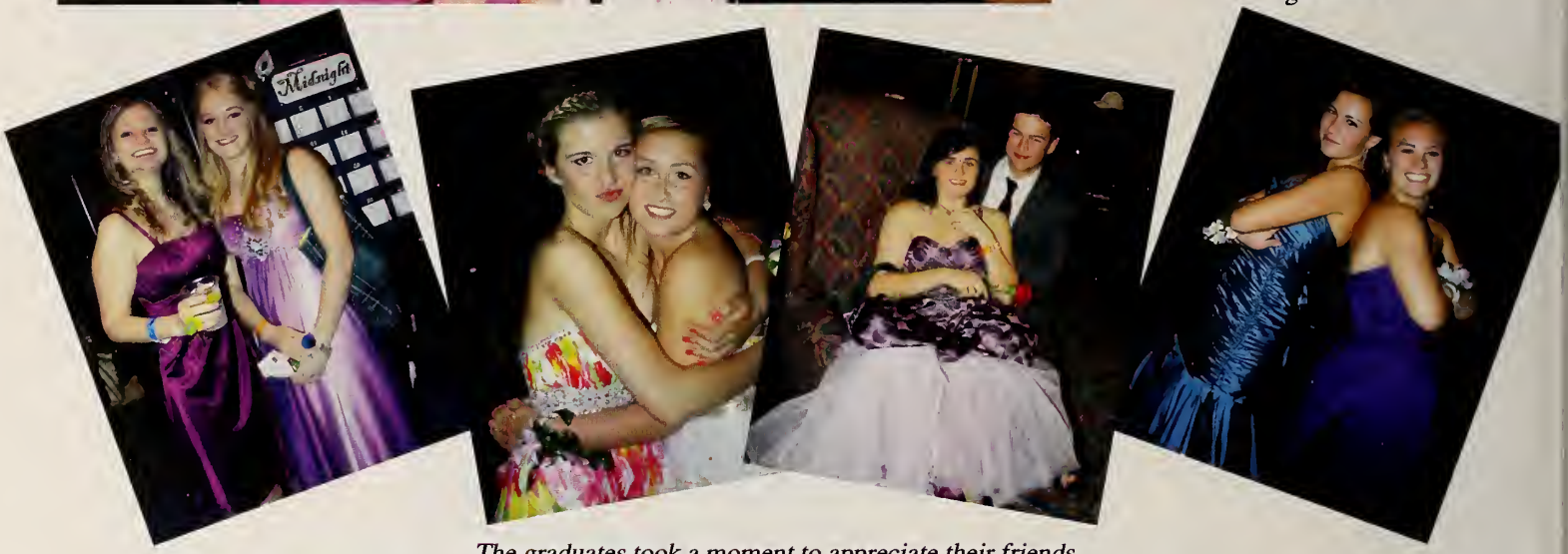
Danielle Leslie, Sara Barnabe, Meghan Dufault

Brittany Simmons, Dana Tomchyshyn

Yasmin Elzayat, McKenzie Trann, Rav Sangha, Anny Hsu, Zubaida Al-Kashab, Kaitlin McGill

Grad Dinner

CC and her younger brother celebrated her graduation

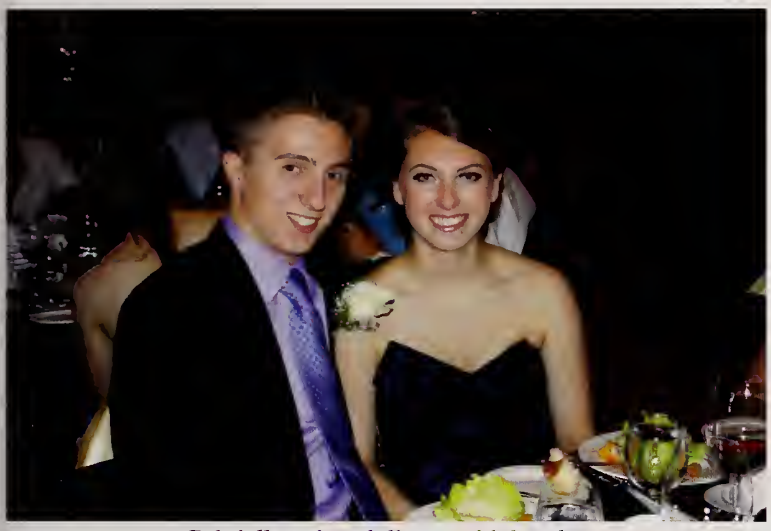


The graduates took a moment to appreciate their friends

Stephanie Enns and Sophia Cho spent time with their families during Grad

Anny Hsu invited some rez girls on her important night

Some of the grade 11s came out to congratulate their friends



Gabriella enjoyed dinner with her date

The grads from residence took a moment to remember their time at BH

The Father/Daughter Dance

Grad Activities

Gabriella Balog was drawn by caricature artist

Katrina Barkwell performed a piece on the piano for the guests

Ms. Kirk, Mr. Williams and Ms. Akerstream said the toast to the graduates

The younger siblings of the graduates performed "True Friend" for their sisters

Staff received flowers from the grads as a thank you

Grads took pictures in the photobooth with their friends

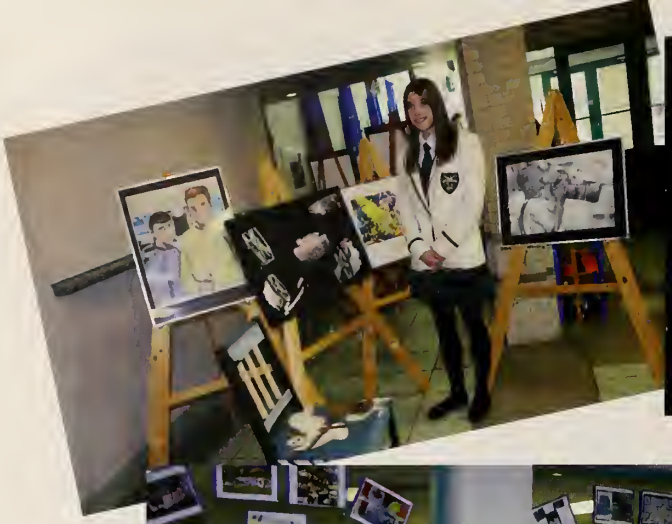
Brittany Simmons said goodbye to Sophia Cho on her last day in Winnipeg

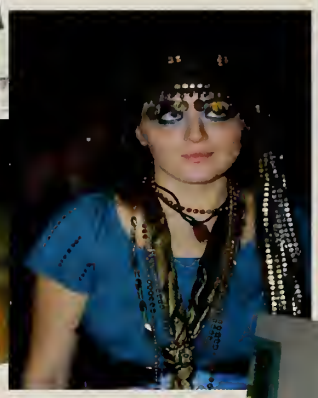
Bryanna Sherbo and Brittany Simmons danced after the dinner

Emily Kesselman reconnected with Cass Taylor during the night

Siblings, Victoria Davidson, Alex Trann, and Bailey Robinson talked after the dinner

Noelle Verry, Ericka Muller Moran and Simran Theati enjoyed spending time with each other during the night





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Valedictory Address

The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match.
Each one of you is a fuse" – Edward Koch.
Ladies, we made it. We did it! We've actually graduated.

How we did it, I'll never know – but we did and that's all that matters. We arrived here today as students of Balmoral Hall and now leave as graduates. It's a scary thought, isn't it? I don't know about you, but my heart is racing, palms are sweaty, knees weak, arms are heavy. I'm nervous, but on the surface, I look calm and ready to drop – I'm just kidding.

Whoever said there was no room for Eminem in a valedictorian speech? I just proved them wrong.

Mrs. Kamins, honoured guests, staff and family members, I am truly honored to stand before you this morning to give this valedictorian address. To the graduating class of 2012, it is my pleasure to be in front of you wonderful group of ladies today as your valedictorian, classmate, but most of all, friend. When writing this speech, I tried to think of an inspiring message or some advice that I could give you; something wise and meaningful that you would carry on with you for the rest of your lives. Then I realized, what good advice could I give? I mean, I am in the exact same boat as the rest of you; I really don't know what university is like, I have no idea how it works or where everything goes. However, what I do know is that university is going to very different from BH.

First and foremost, we're going to need to get some real clothes. Not that the green kilt with green socks, a green blazer, and green tie isn't a great look but it's time to move on. Alas, the days of two week old socks, tights with copious amounts of holes in them, kilts and sweaters that are two sizes too big and a blazer that always seems to be two sizes too small are behind us. We are moving up in the world!

Another major change we're going to have to go through is that I hear that university is co-ed. What is that about? Boys?

Do they really expect us to concentrate when there are boys around?

Along with clothes and boys, we're also going to have to deal with the fact that university is much bigger than BH.

We no longer have "teachers, but "professors" and something tells me that they're not going to be as easy to get off topic. Chances are half our classes won't be spent listening to the prof tell stories about how adorable his children. We'll most likely have to memorize math formulas the old fashioned way. Yes, I mean without using a song. Unfortunately, we won't be able to call them our "BFFL's", they won't do the shoulder shrug dance with us, and it probably won't be announced on the university's twitter account when one of them has twin boys. They won't give us candy whenever we cry and we won't be able to call them "mama" instead of "Mrs." And,

as most of us learned this year, complaining about our work load isn't going to get us anywhere.

Ladies, it is with a heavy heart that I tell you that our days of free time - fun time have come to an end.

It truly is sad, but, in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "every end is a beginning", and as we move forward onto the next stage of our lives, I want you all to remember that education is not a product: a mark, diploma, job or money; it is a process, a never ending one.

One that only gets harder and more complicated from this point on.

Today marks a day where we leave behind everything we have ever known and step into a world of the unknown.

The year is done; school is done, classes are done, exams are done. The past is the past and there is no where else to look but toward the future. But do not fear BH, for we could never forget you. We could never forget a school that is not only a school,

but a second family. A family that some have had the pleasure of getting to really know over the past 14 years while some, only a year but a family, nonetheless. This school, unlike any other school, welcomes you with open arms and open hearts. The one exception was my first day at BH; nobody wanted to talk to me because they thought I was in grade 12 and they were terrified of me because of my height.

But that was a short lived experience and very soon, I was surrounded by those welcoming arms.

Thanks to BH, we have all had the honor of being taught by some of the most amazing teachers; teachers who are more than just teachers; they are our friends, who teach from the heart and not from the book.

It is because of them that we have all survived this far and have become the women who have graduated today. Thank you, teachers.

Before I close, I would just like to take a moment and acknowledge the reason why we have all had the privilege of attending BH and why we are all able to say we are graduating from this school: our parents. Thank you moms and dads for paying for everything from Starbucks Day to tuition, for staying up late helping us with projects, for getting up early to take us to sports practices, and, most of all, for staying sane and helping us through these past four years. We couldn't have made it without you and although we say we're adults and act like we don't need you. We need you more than you'll ever know, so please don't go anywhere.

To the grandparents: thank you for helping our parents stay sane. To the girls who are missing anyone here today, know that they are here with you in spirit and could not be any more proud of you.

Ladies, our hard work has paid off; finishing homework, assignments, and labs during spares, countless hours spent trying to learn material we just couldn't wrap our heads around, cramming as much a possible before tests (although I'm not sure if that's hard work or just laziness), and pushing through the last few months when all we were thinking about was the end of the year. Every last bit of it has paid off.

We arrived here today as students of Balmoral Hall School and now leave as graduates.

In the words of Charles Dickens, "the pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again".

Until we meet again. Congratulations class of 2012.

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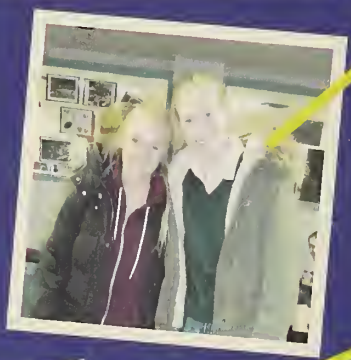
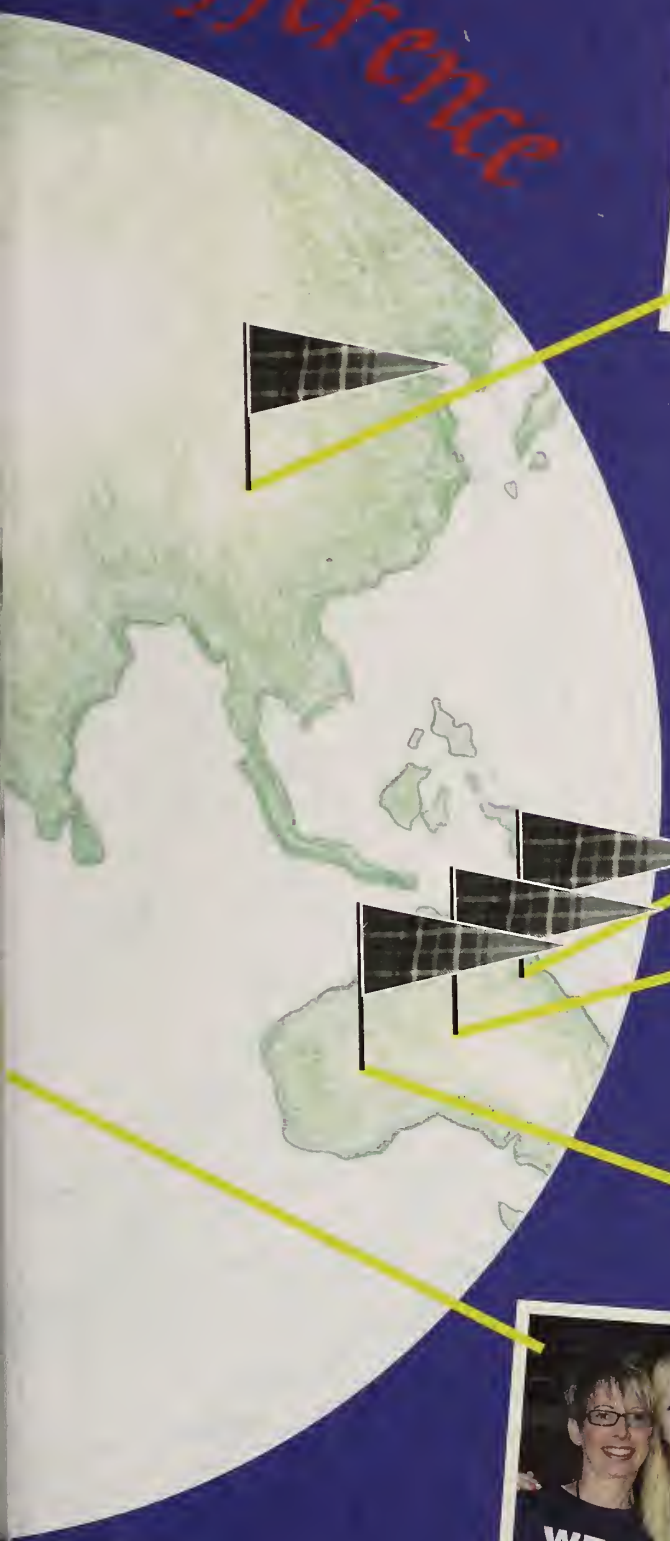
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